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*Royalston Historic District Commission*

*March 15, 2001*

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Vice Chairman Andy West.

Members in attendance were Andy West, John Divoll, Charence Rabideau, Rick Carrier, and Brenda Putney. There was a quorum in attendance, and all members present will be voting tonight.

Noting the absence of our Secretary, it was voted that Brenda will be acting secretary for this evening.

Minutes of the January 18, 2001 meeting were read. Clarence made a motion to accept those minutes, Rick seconded and the motion carried.

Minutes of the February 15, 2001 were read and amended. Clarence made a motion to accept those minutes as amended, Brenda seconded and the motion carried.

Andy asked about the measurements on the Carbone lot. John stated that the house is shown on the tax map, but it shows no measurements. Andy will ask Andrew Coleman for the plot plan before the building is demolished.

Andy read the letters sent to David Tansy and Andrew Coleman outlining the actions of the February 15, 2001 meeting.

It was brought up by Andy that the D.E.M. has Community Preservation Grants available. Discussion was held as to the fact that these are matching grants that may be a source of funds for people wishing to preserve structures within the district.

A letter was read by Andy from the M.H.C. which stated that the Data sheet has been modified to include the fence in front of the Bastille. In the Letter M.H.C. also asked for a listing of any major changes made since the survey was made.

John asked what the addition of a 1930s fence would do to the M.H.C.'s 1900 guidelines. He also said that the Town Attorney stated that the easement for the fence ended when the property changed hands, so technically David Tansy would need permission from the Town to do anything with the fence. Rick questioned where the Commission comes into the matter of the fence. Clarence stated that at this point the fence is in essence an orphan, and nothing is going to happen with it until someone claims it.

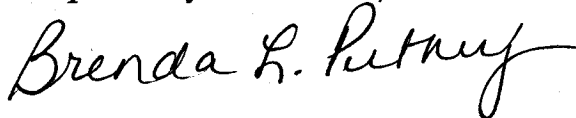
Rick stated that it is a shame to lose the Carbone house, but even if the Commission did deny the application, the Building Inspector can override our vote. John stated that we should research all options for emergency funding to preserve structures, and let homeowners know about options available to them. Andy stated that in the past the Commission has not required things such as Water-struck Brick and things of this nature which add much more expense to a project.

Patience had asked that we form a sub-committee to work on the issue of the fence. We discussed waiting on the fence until we receive an application from David Tansy and cross that bridge when we come to it. The Committee decided that it is premature for us to take any action on the fence, or to form a fence sub-committee at this time.

Patience was also looking for a sub-committee to go through applications to report additions and demolitions to M.H.C. This would require updating the District Data Sheet, which we did not have in hand tonight. It was voted to postpone action on this matter for tonight.

Rich made a motion to adjourn, Brenda seconded, and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Brenda L. Putney".

Brenda L. Putney  
Acting Secretary