

• November 17, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Treadway, Mrs. Picton and Mr. Talbot

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Smith and Mr. Graney

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Rives and Mr. Chute

ALTERNATES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Shade

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Yellen

REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Treadway called the meeting to order at 7:32PM and seated the members and seated Alternate Chute for Mr. Smith and Alternate Boyer for Mr. Graney.

Consideration of the Minutes

MOTION: To approve the 10/20/03 minutes as written. By Mr. Talbot, seconded by Mrs. Boyer and passed 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Kyte - Surnow /97 Calhoun Street /DISCUSSION - renovations, addition and pool area.

A legal notice was not published, so a Public Hearing could not be held on this date. Mr. Treadway asked the members and Mr. Yellen if they would be available for a Special Meeting on November 25th. All agreed that would be doable.

MOTION: To approve conducting a Public Hearing and Special Meeting on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 at 7:30PM in the Selectmen's Office for Mr. Kyte and Mr. Surnow, 97 Calhoun Street, to consider their application for Certificate of Appropriateness. By Mrs. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Talbot and passed 5-0.

Mr. Yellen said he had previously met with Mr. Talbot to review the drawings submitted 10/20/03 in order to determine if any additional information would be needed by the Commission. Mr. Yellen revised these drawings and they are marked "received 11/17/03". He told the members the entire house will be renovated inside and out:

- Re-roof with wood shingles,
- Change all windows and doors,
- Remove skylights,
- New shingle siding with bleaching stain and white trim - no cornerboards,
- New addition,
- French doors and windows across front.

The members looked at the site plan (marked revised 11/17/03) and discussed the view from Calhoun Street. Mr. Yellen said he is aware that the Commission's biggest concern has been the pool. He said he has reduced the grade and does not think the pool will be visible from the road. Only the tops of the pool houses will be seen.

Mr. Treadway asked how much of the pool will be seen from the road, since the road is lower than the grade of the pool. None. How about the pool houses. Yes, the top portion. How about the stone walls.

Yes, they are about 2 to 3ft high and can be seen. Mr. Treadway commented that if the two pool houses were not visible, you would not know a pool was there.

Mr. Yellen asked the Commission if they would be able to go to the site and have a look. He said he could have stakes in place by Wednesday afternoon. The members each agreed to go on an individual basis sometime before the November 25th meeting.

Mr. Treadway said if the only thing visible from the road is the two pool buildings - why are they necessary. Mr. Yellen said they will be for pool equipment and furniture. How big are they? 11ft tall. Mrs. Picton asked why so tall. No particular reason. There will be french doors facing the pool area. Mrs. Boyer commented she does not like looking at the back of the buildings from the road. It emphasizes the most unattractive piece of this whole project. Mr. Yellen stated he is willing to listen to whatever the Commission thinks should be done. He added, it may be possible to eliminate one of the buildings. Mr. Treadway told Mr. Yellen that what he has done to the house is an improvement over the first set of plans.

Mr. Treadway asked the members to comment on the two pool buildings. Mrs. Picton replied she is worried more about the new wing off to the west. Mr. Talbot said he would like to go back and see the grading now that the leaves are off the trees. He expressed his concern about the country district. Mrs. Boyer noted her concern about all the french doors and windows - it's a sea of glass. Mrs. Picton agreed. You would see less from the road if there were fewer windows and french doors. Mrs. Boyer asked if it is necessary to have three french doors at the bedroom.

Mr. Talbot asked about lighting. Mr. Yellen replied there will be lights at the doors, but no flood lights. All compressors, generators and mechanicals are behind the house. Mr. Talbot said the Commission will need a picture of the lights after the decision is made. Also, he reminded Mr. Yellen that the Commission will need to know the final decision on the garage doors, and a picture or drawing. Mrs. Rives asked about the surface of the driveway. It will be stone.

Mr. Treadway asked if there were any further questions or comments. There were none.

B. Ross /10 Sunny Ridge Road /Discussion

It was decided to defer this discussion to a future meeting.

C. 2004 Calendar

After a brief discussion the Commission agreed on the calendar for 2004.

MOTION: To accept the Historic District Commission calendar for the year 2004. By Mrs. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Talbot and passed 5-0.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. By Mr. Talbot.

Mr. Treadway adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30PM.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha T. Shade, Secretary