

March 17, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Smith, Mr. Treadway and Mr. Graney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Picton and Mr. Talbot

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Mrs. Rives

ALTERNATES ABSENT: Mrs. Boyer and Mr. Chute

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Shade

REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35PM and seated the members and seated Alternate Rives for Mr. Talbot.

Consideration of the Minutes

MOTIONS: To approve the 1/13/03 minutes as written. By Mr. Treadway, seconded by Mrs. Rives and passed 4-0.

Other Business

The members discussed the boundaries of The Washington Green Historic District as it applies to The Gunnery tennis courts and proposed new tennis shack. The boundary line runs parallel to Route 47 and is 500ft from the road. Mr. Smith said he was not exactly sure what was included in that 500ft. Mr. Treadway said he would be willing to help measure the distance. Mr. Graney showed the members some map coordinates and said by using these coordinates, the exact location of the boundary line can be determined. Mr. Treadway noted that should be the responsibility of the applicant.

Mr. Smith spoke with Atty. David Miles, who said he would get back to Mr. Smith regarding procedures to take when work is done without a C of A in one of the historic districts.

Regarding signage, Atty. Miles thought HDC could regulate sandwich board advertising.

Concerning the need to update photographs of buildings and land in the historic districts; Atty. Miles noted that when any type of photographic evidence is to be used in court, the person who took the photograph would have to testify that the photograph had not been altered in any way. The Commission will decide which type of camera is most practical and best suited for their need.

The members read the memo from the Conservation Commission concerning the newly established Data Management Committee. A member will be assigned as soon as possible to serve on this Committee.

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

Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:55PM.

Due to a typographical error, Mrs. Picton and Mr. Chute arrived after the meeting was adjourned. The following brief discussion took place:

Mr. Smith informed them the minutes had been approved. Then he proceeded to go over the business discussed in the meeting: his discussion with Atty. Miles regarding signage, work done without obtaining

proper permits and using photography to record land and buildings in the historic districts.

Mr. Chute said he had been asked by the Congregational Church, 6 Kirby Road, to take over the task of obtaining zoning approval to place a sign (33"x8") on the Parish House. (Previously, on 2/11/02, HDC approved the placement of two signs, 36"x12" each, on the Parish House. However, Zoning Regs will allow only one sign and it must be less than two square feet.)

Mrs. Picton commented that she has observed sandwich board signs in other small towns and does not really object to them, but understands that other people do. Mr. Chute said he does not like them.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha T. Shade
Secretary