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NORTH COVE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Annual Fall Meeting, October 24th, 1990

Present: S. Wardlaw, Chair, J. Schneider, R. Tietjen, and L. Wardlaw

Member of the public: L. Tietjen

The Chair opened the meeting at 8:07 PM. The minutes of the Annual Spring Meeting of April 4th and the special meeting of May 9th, 1990 were approved as read.

Old Business:

Henri David's barn roof extension (to house a small boat) was approved by exception, Article 6, Section 7, because it was not going to be visible from the public way, The Chair and R. Tietjen having made a visual inspection of the premises.

Independent reviews of the windows at 192 North Cove Road by Ficker, Schneider, Swayne, and Tietjen determined that Art.6.7 applied here, also.

The Chair reported, re the formerly Kelly house at 91 North Cove Road, that the Town Attorney had filed a brief for an injunction requiring the owner to remove the lamp posts in front of the house. Prior to filing, the property was foreclosed by the bank, which was to withhold \$1,000 for correction of the problem. The Chair has since tried to contact the new owner (Karen Finuken?). By way of a "good neighbor policy," he will write to "Resident of 91 North Cove Road" in order to establish a dialog.

There was agreement with Schneider's observation that it is important to the role of the Commission that it prevail in matters of this sort.

New Business:

The requisite annual reading of the by-laws was followed by a discussion of guidelines for Art 6.7: What constitutes a "significant change" and, accordingly, when should a public hearing be required? The meaning of "structural change" and what the term should be applied to (e.g. "natural" fences which might obstruct or seriously limit public view of the buildings being preserved) seems to most of the members to be construed literally, that is as deliberate modification of buildings, fences, or other man-made structures in such a way as to contradict or distort their basic architectural character. This does not imply that no change is allowable.

New Business, cont.

Note was taken of a query by Charles Ficker as to the role of the Commission regarding the driveway on property next to him. After discussion it was moved by the Chair and seconded by Schneider to inform Ficker that this is not within the purview of the Commission, there being no structures involved.

The present officers were re-elected unanimously, per a motion by Schneider seconded by Tietjen. Swayne's term as Alternate is over and Henri David was approved as his replacement.

There is a discrepancy between the Commission's understanding of the members' terms and that of Town Hall. Tietjen will attempt to clarify, reconcile, and generally straighten out all concerned.

The Chair will write Shelly Wehrly to express our unbounded appreciation of her beautification of the little triangle at North Cove Road and College Street.

L. Wardlaw, breaking a long silence, seconded the Chair's motion to adjourn, which was passed with decorous enthusiasm at 9:21.

R.D.Tietjen, Clerk
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