

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 18, 2001

Attendees: Patience Bundschuh, Rick Carrier, Clarence Rabideau, John Divoll, Peter Kraniak, Bob Casinghino, and Andy West, acting secretary. All were active voters.

Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM

Minutes from October 19, 2000 read and approved as amended.

Minutes from November 16, 2000 read and approved as amended.

There was no December meeting due to lack of quorum.

Applications

Carbone Demolition application: Andy submitted a revised application from Andrew Coleman on behalf of Gloria Carbone to dismantle and remove the house structure and stone. Coleman agreed to inform the Commission of the new location of the building when it is erected. Bob Casinghino made a motion to accept the application for consideration as complete with the addition of a plot plan for the record. John Divoll will check assessors map for a plot plan. David Tansey, from the Landmark Trust said that money might be available from the MHC for stabilizing the structure. He asked if Mrs. Carbone would be in favor of applying for funding to save the building. Andy will pose the questions to her before the next meeting. Bob Casinghino made a motion to hold a public hearing on Feb 15, 2001 7pm on this application. Clarence Rabideau seconded approval was unanimous.

David Tansey submitted a revised application for changes to the "Bastille." Details of the applications were discussed. Mr. Tansey answered questions about the applications. Mr. Tansey made minor modifications to the applications in response to requests by the Commission. The applications were acted on one at a time.

Rear Ell Demolition: Bob Casinghino made a motion to accept application for consideration as amended. Clarence second. Approved unanimously.

West elevation: Peter Kraniak made a motion to accept application for consideration as amended Rick Carrier second. Unanimous approval.

South Elevation: Clarence Rabideau made a motion to accept application for consideration as amended; John Divoll second. Unanimous approval.

East Elevation: John Divoll made a motion to accept application for consideration as amended; Clarence second. Unanimous approval.

North Elevation: Bob Casinghino made a motion to accept application for consideration as amended. Seconded by Peter Kraniak. Unanimous approval

Roof: Rick Carrier made a motion to accept application for consideration as amended Seconded by Bob Casinghino. Unanimous approval

Bob Casinghino made a motion to hold public hearing for this set of applications. Peter Seconded. Unanimous approval. The public hearing will be Feb 15, 2001 at 7 pm.

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Peter made a motion to put a set of plans on display at the library and post office along with the notice for public hearing. Seconded. By Bob Casinghino approval unanimous.

Patience asked Tansey for drawings of the balustrade which had been remove by a separate certificate of appropriateness. Tansey promised to deliver drawings. He also stated his desire to present the HDC with a physical specimen of the balustrade.

Patience discussed with Tansey the issue of the dilapidated fence. He chose not to specifically discuss the fence. Instead, they discussed the imperfect relations between the HDC and Tansey. Patience stated that the fence needs to be discussed and that Tansey and the Commission should pick a time to meet. It was agreed that the time for such a meeting would be chosen at the Feb 15, 2001 meeting.

Old Business

Street light in front of Maxine Wilcox' house. Andy West put in a work order to Mass Electric. The light was repaired. Andy did not attend the pole hearing.

Patience submitted a question to Chris Skelley asking when an application was considered "filed" and the 60 day clock starts. Chris responded that the majority of LHC consider it filed when it is complete and not before.

New Business

Patience submitted a budget for \$200 and asked the Selectmen that the \$400 approved last year for the publication of design guidelines be carried over to this year. She also submitted the annual report of the Commission business to the Town Clerk.

Patience supplied a fax copy of a revised National Register of Historic Places data sheet for the Bastille property, which includes the fence as a contributing factor of the site's historical significance. She stated that the MHC periodically reviews National Register properties for accuracy of documentation. The MHC will send an original by mail. Discussion followed about the importance of the fence relative to the historic register.

Patience tabled discussion of the drafts of the design guidelines.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew J. West,
Acting Secretary