

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 21, 2004

Attendees: John Divoll, Peter Kraniak, Bob Casinghino, Roger O'Donnell, and Andy West, secretary. All were active voters.

Meeting called to order at 7:47 PM by Chairman John Divoll

There was no August or September meeting due to lack of quorum.

Celt Grant visited the meeting. He is considering joining the Commission.

Minutes from the July 15, 2004 meeting were read and approved.

An application from Roger O'Donnell was approved by default on September 15, 2004. A public hearing was held on August 15, 2004.

Elections of officers: Peter made a motion to approve the current slate of officers, John Divoll, Chairman, Peter Kraniak, Vice-Chair, Andy West, Secretary. Unanimously approved.

Applications

None.

New Applications

None

Old Business

Andy volunteered to publish and distribute new HDC booklets to new residents. One book needs to go to Paul Tratitosi, who moved into the Pickford's house.

Andy spoke about progress on the Town's attempt to purchase the streetlights. The streetlight consultant has been called in again and will probably be contracted to assist the town purchase streetlights. The consultant said that the most significant short term savings would be to keep the antique fixtures and install fluorescent bulbs in them. This would result in a better electric rate with little investment.

Andy spoke about pre-approving items for district use: i.e. roof materials, colors, house colors...

Peter asked about making small metal signs announcing the entrance to the district, similar to a speed limit sign. He saw an interesting bronze sign in Montague. Peter will look into different styles and the cost.

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Members discussed the road washout of south Royalston road that occurred when a beaver dam gave way. The resulting water washed out the road just uphill from the Lawrence Brook bridge. The historic tannery mill site on Old Winchendon road was flooded, but spared damage. No other historic properties were threatened.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew J. West,
Secretary