

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 15, 2010

Attendees: Celt Grant (Vice-chair), Rick Carrier, Chris Dawson, Pierre Humblet (secretary), Ken Lively and Andy West. All were active voters.

Celt opened the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Minutes

Celt read aloud the minutes of the June 24 meeting. Some typos were noticed and corrected. Andy motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Ken seconded. All voted in favor.

Agenda: Celt mentioned that according to the new open meeting law we should have an agenda, which we should prepare at the end of each meeting and post. Andy reported that the exact procedure was still being worked out and that the town lawyer may give us more guidance.

Membership

Andy reported that the Selectboard had renewed the appointments of Ken (alternate) and Pierre for 3 years. The commission thus consists of 6 regular members and 2 alternates.

Old applications

John McClure was present and had brought a written addendum to his application 2010-05-01 to replace 6/6 and 3/3 windows at 8 N.E. Fitzwilliam Rd. He also provided the window manufacturer brochure. In answer to a question, he said that the old windows would be kept in storage, possibly by Boyd Estus at 6 N.E. Fitzwilliam Road.

The committee found that the revised application matched the verbal presentation that had been made at the June 24 hearing.

Pierre made a motion to approve the modified application and to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness. Chris seconded. All voted in favor except Ken who voted against, feeling that old windows should be preserved.

Next the commission examined the application 2010-06-01 in which Daniel and Elizabeth Schodek request a Certificate of Appropriateness to erect a garden trellis for vines in the back of their property at 1 Frye Hill Rd. Pierre reported that:

- the HDC had waived the public hearing at the June meeting
- all the abutters had been notified by mail on June 29, 2010
- no public hearing request had been received
- positive comments had been received from Barbara Dean from 5 Frye Hill Road.

Andy moved to approve the application. Chris seconded. All voted in favor.

Old business

Pierre reported that he had sent a thank you letter to Henry Cole for removing the propane tank but that he had not yet sent the letter to the parsonage about the satellite antenna, as he felt that we should handle the dish situation at 2 on the Common, home of HDC member Chris Dawson.

Chris reported that he had contacted the satellite company. They would only move the antenna if the homeowner paid \$100 or switched to HD. Threats to move to a competitor had no effects. Chris also

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stated that he would move his antenna to the roof before winter. The commission reiterated the need to send a letter reminding the pastor of his promise.

Financial matters

Two bills have been received from the Athol Daily News. Andy took care of the paperwork to have them paid.

New business

Archives: Pierre reported that the old HDC minutes (before Andy started using a PC) cannot be found. Andy volunteered to create a work party and search the Town Hall basement.

The desirability to create a web site for the archives received from John Divoll was discussed. Rick volunteered to check if the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School might help. Pierre will provide two examples of such web sites to Rick.

Historic District signs: Rick will get firm quotes for the signs.

Meeting adjourned

Rick motioned to close the meeting. Ken seconded. All voted in favor. Celt closed the meeting at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Pierre A. Humblet,
Secretary