

# Royalston Historic District Commission

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## Application for Certificate

### Instructions:

- Use separate applications for changes that are not related to each other.
- Include sketches or pictures showing design, sizes, colors, materials, etc. (a sketch is worth a thousand words).
- File five copies of the completed application at an HDC meeting; or mail, e-mail or give them to a commission member for filing at the next meeting.
- It is recommended that applicants attend the meeting or send an agent. Even well prepared applications generate questions and answering them quickly will avoid delays.
- Until the work is started, certificates expire if one year elapses or in case of sale. Once the work is started it must be completed diligently.
- If you have any questions, please contact the Commission.

Date: June 16, 2021

Address of Property: 5 on the Common, Royalston, MA 01368

Owner's Name: Matthew & Teresa Vallière

Applicant's Name: Matthew Vallière

Applicant's mailing address: Street/P.O. Box: PO Box 7

City, State, Zip: Royalston, MA 01368

Please check the certificate applied for:

☒ Appropriateness

☒ Non-Applicability

☐ Hardship

Amendment 06.18.2021 mv

Short description of the proposed changes. (Provide the details on page 2 and on additional sheets and exhibits as necessary).

This application is for a 70 SF unheated, uninsulated 3-season screen porch we added to the North side of our home. As you can see from both the prints and the photos, the historically appropriate design matches the existing home in architectural features, materials, and all to be painted white. It being higher off the ground than expected, we plan to install wooden lattice between the bottom and the ground. There is a separate application for the stairs and rail, which is clearly open to public view, as defined in the bylaw. This structure, however, may or may not be, "open to view," as defined in the bylaw as, "from a public street, public way, public park or public body of water." The grassy areas of the Common, although mowed by the town, are not dedicated as parks, as is Bullock Park; their original purpose is for all who wish for use in the grazing of animals. Further, for a law to be in effect, it must be clearly promulgated, its boundaries clearly defined. The HDC does not have an accurate map or description of public land and waters it considers "open to view," which if the grassy areas

### For Office Use Only

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Date Accepted for consideration 06/17/21 Public Hearing ☒ Notices mailing date(s) July 13, 2021

Continuation date \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Decision approved Chairperson's signature Rita J. [Signature] Date 7/6/21

Comments or conditions:

## Detailed description

of the Common are such, so would the lawn Northeast of Raymond School and all of Little Pond, since it is a body of water accessible to the public. Apparently, as was said at the last meeting, the HDC does not consider the parking lot between the town hall and the church nor behind the town hall as a vantage point, but that too is not defined anywhere as an exclusion. As such, and as seemed evident from the last HDC meeting, it is not clear that the many of the current members of the HDC have considered the grassy areas of the Common as a vantage point from which to see exterior architectural features “open to public view,” and so we are submitting this application for Non-Applicability.

We are happy to submit the application for appropriateness for the single corner board and 2’ length of soffit visible from a short span of grass at the Southwest corner of the Common in front of 11 on the Common at the treeline, which vantage point is approximately 140’ from the exterior architectural features in question, if and when the HDC promulgates a clear map or description of town-owned land it intends to consider vantage points as “open to public view.”

Thanks very much for your time and consideration.



Applicant's Signature



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Vantage point from the Southwest corner of the Common grass in front of 11 on the Common:

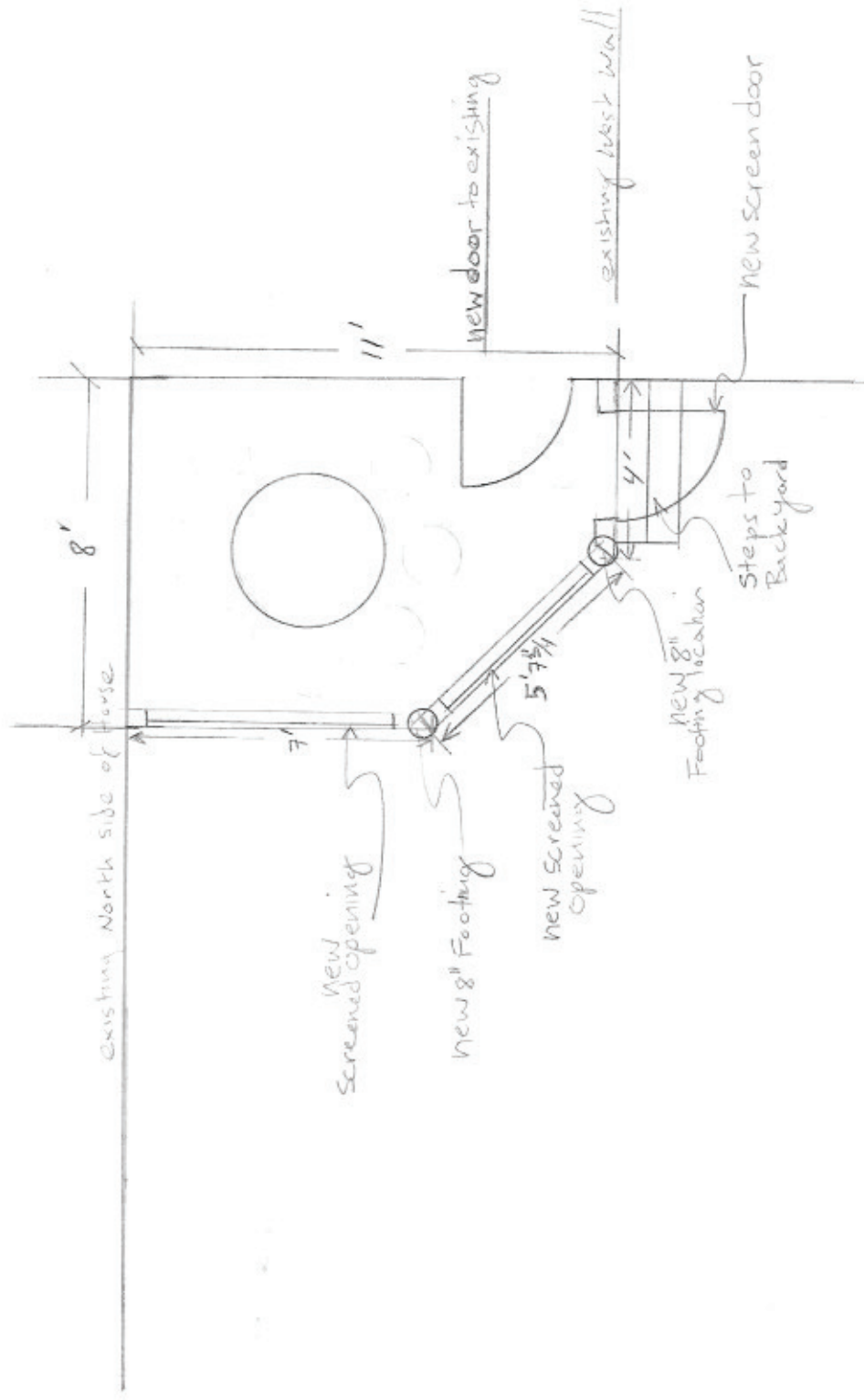




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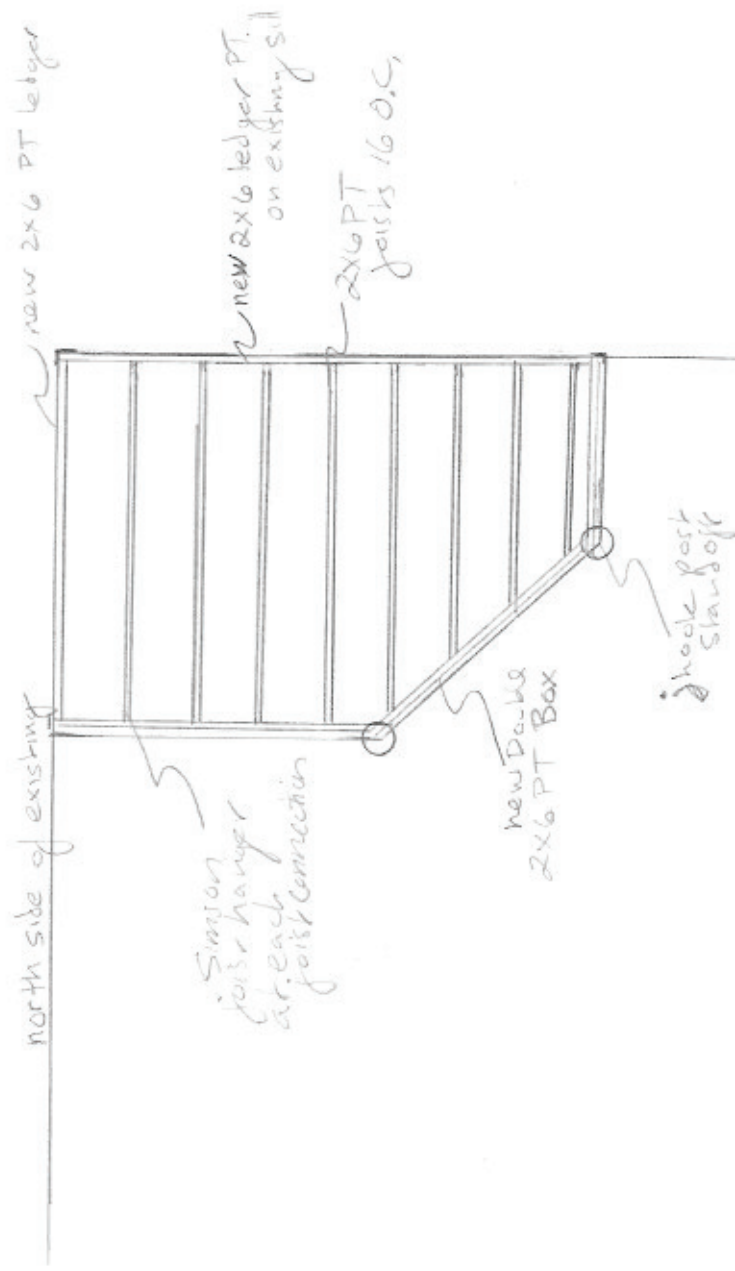
As-built photo: (Orange highlight: open to public view) (Yellow highlight: visible from the above vantage point from the Southwest corner of the Common grass in front of 11 on the Common when leaves are not on the trees; not easily seen this time of year.)





Proposed New Screen Porch





ext House

ext House

Bed world  
Detail

Simple King's  
Double face

Type 2x4  
Framing  
1600,  
or equivalent

2x6  
Curtain  
Header

Double  
2x4 sill

Mahegan  
Decking  
on 2x6 Floor joists  
2x6 PT.  
Rim joist.

Screen  
panels

match existing clapboard

1x8 PVC 5/4"  
Skirt board

Mahegan  
Decking

PVC  
1x8  
Fascia  
to match  
ext.

2x4 pine  
Corrals

Racquet

Screen

Door

to match  
age of  
Building

Valliere Residence.

Cross-section/Elevations / 1/4" = 1' A3