

Town of Royalston 1972 ATM warrant. Article 20 was tabled.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Road Oil, or act anything thereon.

Recommend \$500 be raised

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following by-law establishing an historic district and an Historic District Commission under the provisions of Chapter 40C General Laws, or do anything in relation thereto:

Recommend favorable action

1. There is hereby established an Historic District Commission under the provisions of the "Historic Districts Act", General Laws, Chapter 40C, consisting of seven members, appointed by the Selectmen, including one member, where possible, from two nominees submitted by the Royalston Historical Society, one member where possible from two nominees, one of whom shall be submitted by the Massachusetts State Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. One or more of the foregoing shall be a resident of an Historic District established in Royalston pursuant to the Historic Districts Act. When the Commission is first established, 2 members shall be appointed for a term of one year, two shall be appointed for a term of two years, and three shall be appointed in like manner for three years, and their successors shall be appointed in like manner for terms of three years.

2. There is hereby established an Historic District under the provisions of the Historic Districts Act, General Laws, Chapter 40C, bounded and described as follows:

"as shown on Plan of the Historic District of the Town of Royalston, Mass., date November 9, 1962, scale 1 to 200 name Lloyd E. Gia, Registered Land Surveyor, said plan being on record with the town clerk."

3. The Historic District Commission shall have all the powers and duties of historic district commissions as provided by the Historic Districts Act, General Laws, Chapter 40C, and of subsequent amendments thereto.

4. The Historic District Commission shall adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its business not inconsistent with the provisions of the Historic District Act, General Laws, Chapter 40C, and may, subject to appropriation, employ clerical and technical assistants or consultants and may accept money gifts and expend same for same purposes.

5. When taking action under the provisions of the second paragraph of Section 7 of the Historic Districts Act, General Laws, Chapter 40C, the Historic District Commission shall make a determination within thirty days after the filing of the application for a certificate of appropriateness, or such further time as the applicant may in writing allow.

6. In case any section, paragraph or part of this by-law be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of last resort, every other section, paragraph or part shall continue in full force and effect.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a portion of available funds in the Treasury, to be used in reducing the tax rate for 1972, or act anything thereon.

Recommend favorable action

The Royalston Historic District Study Committee met at the Library on September 13, 1974 with the following members present - Chairman John Bar, Sue Bosco, Dorothy Corser, Richard Boast, Maxine Wilcox, and associate member Douglas Brown.

Under old business it was announced that sufficient Form B's are now in our possession to complete the surveys.

Under new business the members discussed Consideration of Options available for historic district controls as outlined on p. 7-8 No. 7 with the following results -

- A. Retain
- B. Not sure - not too concerned.
- C. Retain control
- D. Not too concerned except for lighting fixtures.
- E. Retain white paint preferred but other colors would be considered if compatible.
- F. Retain
- G. Retain
- H. Retain but simplify
(F, G and H should be rewritten and worded carefully.)

We then discussed the time when we should present our plan to the town - it must be verified whether it has to come up at the annual town meeting or at a special meeting.

Richard Boast volunteered to write up a preliminary report

PREAMBLE

The purpose of this by-law is to promote the educational, cultural, economic, and general welfare of the public in keeping w/ the provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, Chapter 40C, as amended, through the preservation and protection of the distinctive outward appearance and characteristics of buildings and places significant in the history of the Town; through the maint. of the appearances & settings of such buildings & places; & through the encouragement of design & construction compatible therewith.

BY-LAW

1. There is hereby established an Historic District in that part of Royalston known as ^{the} "Royalston Common", hereinafter called "Royalston Common Historic District," under the provisions of Gen'l Laws, Chapter 40C, as amended, bounded & described as follows:

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The foregoing metes & bounds are shown on a map entitled "Royalston Common Historic District. Established 1976 x" filed w/ the Town Clerk, and w/ the Worcester County Registry of Deeds. Said map is designated as the map required for filing in accord. w/ the fourth paragraph of section 3 of said Chapter 40C, as amended. The sources of said map are United States Geological Survey, (place name), date, and on site survey.

of October 1974.

2. There is hereby established a Historic District Commission, hereinafter called "The Commission," under the provisions of Gen'l Laws, Chapter 40C, as amended, consisting of five (5) members, and two (2) alternate members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Before making any appointment, the Bd of S'men shall in writing request the names of two (2) nominees from the Royalston Historical Society; ~~including~~ two (2) nominees from the American Institute of Architects covering Royalston; and two (2) nominees from the Board of Realtors (?) covering Royalston. One appointment shall be made from the two (2) nominees named by each such organiz'n. If any such organiz'n shall fail to name two (2) nominees within thirty (30) days of such request, the Bd. of S'men may make the appointment without nomination from such organiz'n. The remaining appointments may be made without nomination from any independent organiz'n. At least one or more members so appointed shall be a resident of, or owner of, property within the Historic District. When the Commission is first established, three (3) members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year; two (2) — — — — — two (2) years; and two (2) — — — — — three (3) years. Their successors shall be appointed in like manner for terms of three (3) years. The filling of vacancies in the membership of the Commission, designation of

alternate members to serve as required, and the election of officers shall be in accord. w/ the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40C, as amended.

3. The authority of the Commission . . . ?

4. The Commission shall have all the powers and perform all the duties conferred and imposed ~~on~~ on Historic District Commissions by the Gen'l Laws of the C-wealth.

5. In accord. w/ Section 16 of the Gen'l Laws, Chapter 40C, as amended, the Commission shall have the powers and duties of an Historical Commission, as provided by Gen'l Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8D.

6. The Commission shall adopt rules & regs. for the conduct of its business not inconsistent w/ the prov. of Gen'l Laws, Chapter 40C, as amended, and may, subject to appropriation, employ clerical and technical assistants or consultants and may accept money gifts and expend same for such purposes.

7. In case any section, paragraph, or part of this by-law be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of last resort, every other section, para., or part shall continue in full force and effect.

(next page: Bibliography)
(finally: maps)

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To the Honorable Planning Board
Roxalston

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the Preliminary Report of the proposed Historic District. The Mass. Historical Commission has approved this report. Accordingly, the next step toward establishing the Historic District is your review of the Preliminary Report and providing the Study Committee your comments and recommendations.

1. (~~When~~ ^{if} the Preliminary Report meets with your approval,) a Public Hearing will be scheduled and all property owners ~~will be~~ notified at least fourteen (14) days in advance. The Study Committee will ~~take~~ ^{provide} the notices to the property owners, if you so desire, and will ~~present~~ make all necessary explanations to the property owners at the public hearing.

I shall await the results of your review of the Preliminary Report. If no substantive action by the Study Committee is found necessary, you may ~~establish~~ set a date for the public hearing at your discretion.

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Dear Property Owner:

As required by law, we are notifying you directly of a public hearing regarding the the proposed historic district in Royalston Centre.

The hearing will be held on _____ at _____ p.m. at the Town Hall.

The Mass. Historical Commission has approved the Prelim. Report of the Royalston Study Committee and the above scheduled public hearing is the next ~~step~~ toward establishing the Historic District. At the public hearing any recommendations from the Planning Board will be reviewed and all questions ~~from~~ property owners may have about the proposed Historic District will be answered.