

Minutes from the Organizational Meeting of  
the Royalston Historic District Commission  
Thursday, July 31, 1980

The informal organizational meeting of the Royalston Historic District Commission was convened by Dr. Royal Frye at approximately 7:40 p.m. Thursday, July 31, 1980.

Dr. Frye read from the By-Laws passed at the town meeting which pertained to the organization of a committee. A list of members and alternates selected by the Board of Selectmen was read. There was much discussion about the list and whether it reflected the wishes of the Selectmen regarding who the full members were and who would be the alternate members. There was also a question, with discussion following, as to whether a chairman could be appointed who was from the current alternate list. ,

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to select a chairman from the entire 10 names given to the committee by the Selectmen, but upon discussion of this problem it was unclear as to whether this organizational committee has the jurisdiction to do this. There was also much discussion as to whether this committee should continue with the list supplied by the Selectmen as it stands, as it seems to contain names of people who do not feel they have the time to serve on the committee, or the names of people willing to step down for new members who have expressed an interest in serving.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to appoint Art Platt as temporary chairman of this meeting.

Discussion continued regarding membership and whether this committee has the authority to choose which members are full members and which are alternates, and to choose substitute members if there are vacancies. Both Dr. Frye and Art Platt expressed willingness to step down to make space for new members. The name of Bob Gravley was mentioned as a possible new member, and Mary Jane Green expressed willingness to serve as a new member/or as secretary.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed (with 2 opposing) that this committee should bring to the next Selectmen's meeting a suggested list of committee membership designating full and alternate members.

The following is the suggested list to be presented to the Selectmen:

Alan Bowers-full member  
Glen Freden-full member  
Larry Siegel - full member  
John Poor- full member  
Weino Kirkman-full member  
Dwight Stowell-full member  
Bob Gravley-full member

Coleen Richardson-alternate  
Tom Musco-alternate  
Dr. Royal Frye-alternate  
Mary Jane Green-secretary

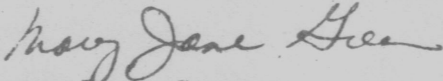
Motion was made, seonded and passed that the selectmen pick a convener for the next meeting.

Art Platt stated that he would be happy to serve in an advisory capacity for the next few meetings. It was suggested that the By-Laws be printed so that people could use them as references when applying for a change. The need to make an official application form was discussed. Art Platt will try to compile some copies of such forms used by other Historic Districts. It was also suggested that we have someone come from the Massachusetts Historic Commission to talk with us about the role of the commission, etc.

It was mentioned that Jennie and Peter Pap have expressed a wish to come before the commission to talk about their porch. Glen Freden volunteered to convey to the Paps that their request will be considered at the first opportunity once the organizational/ and procedural policies have been established.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 7:30 Wednesday, August 6th at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Jane Green  
Secretary