

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 20, 1994

Attendees: John McClure, John Poor, George Krasowski, Patience Bundschuh, Rick Carrier, and Alternate Andy West (voting).

Meeting called to order at 7:42pm

The minutes from the meeting of November 18, 1993 were read and accepted.

Old Business

Current photographs taken by Rick of the houses in the District were examined and discussed. John McClure stated that he had submitted a payment voucher to the town accountant for repayment of the film and processing. Rick should expect a check shortly.

The public hearing scheduled for January was postponed until a later date. The hearing will address the proposed changes to the Commission's bylaws. John McClure apologized for missing the required 2 week prior posting date.

George Krasowski asked if there had been any further information on ethics issues. John McClure said he will contact the Select Committee Chair Kate Collins to ask that she get a written ruling from the town council. The Commission had received information that a Commission member would only be in conflict with physical abutters. The possible hamstringing of the Commission was discussed. The Commission re-emphasized that a written document stating the rules would clarify the issue.

The issue of the electric company's unlawful removal of the town's streetlights was raised, again. John McClure had not phoned Regional Supervisor Russo to follow up the letter sent last year. Seven standards are needed. Currently, Royalston is waiting for Massachusetts Electric to find usable standards to replace the modern ones installed by the electric company. Patience felt that the Commission should not wait for the electric company but should take action. She noted that new reproductions are available. She has seen them installed elsewhere. Patience will get more information on the reproductions. Then, John McClure will phone Russo and request a written response to the new information. The Commission felt that more pressure on the utility may be necessary.

George Krasowski informed the Commission that his previously returned application was not ready for re-submission.

John Poor reported that the Commission had postponed using its tree planting fund in anticipation of the Fischer's tree donation plans. He wondered if the Fischer's planting strategy was complete. John McClure said he would contact the Select Committee to find out what the actual plan was.

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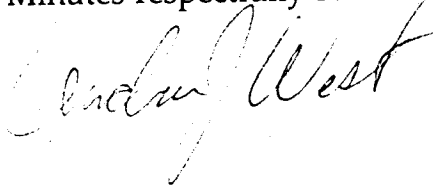
New Business

John Poor brought up the need to fill vacancies on the commission. Patience Bundschuh thought that Sonja Vaccari might be interested. Patience said she would approach Sonja.

John Poor asked that the Commission ask Wayne Newton to give official notice to his position on the Commission. He noted that Wayne has been noticeably absent from many meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrew J. West, Secretary.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Andrew J. West". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name of the secretary.