

Royalston Historic District Commission
Royalston, MA 01368

November 15, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Chairman John Divoll. Members in attendance were John, Patience Bundschuh, Peter Kraniak, Brenda Putney and Todd Neale.

Mark Smith was also in attendance.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Peter made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Patience seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Correspondence: A questionnaire was received from Historic Mass., asking for input on future conference topics.

Patience suggested that we fill it out, and send it in.

Historic Mass. is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving historic Mass.

Brenda suggested reviewing bylaws and submitting suggestions for changes to the Selectboard.

A survey was received for 2002 grants from Mass Historic. The survey was passed on to Peter and Mark for use by the Historical Society.

Patience updated the group on the fence issue. She stated that the proposal given to the Selectmen by Andy West was accepted, and it will be put on the agenda for the next Special Town Meeting. The fence has been reinforced for the time being.

APPLICATIONS:

Application #11-01-01

Submitted by Mark and Gia Smith: application for the replacement of an existing 2/2 lite double hung window 25" x 61" in the kitchen on the first floor of the east side of the house. Specifics of the changes are on the Certificate.

Patience asked Mark why he was going with vinyl windows, instead of wood. Mark stated that cost was a major factor, and that these are the same type of windows that are in Andy West's house. Mark stated that the windows in the house were originally 9/9 and 12/12, replaced with 1/1 and 2/2, and he is bringing back the look of what was originally there. He also said that their plan is to eventually replace all the windows with vinyl.

Peter pointed out that the bylaws state that the Commission will not extend review to windows in existing openings. Therefore, Peter made a motion to okay this application and put it on record. No further action is necessary, since we have no jurisdiction over the window. Brenda seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Application #11-02-01

Application by Mark and Gia for approval for installing motion detecting security lights to the upper eve area of their barn.

Patience made a motion to approve this application and waive a public hearing on this item.

Patience made a motion to approve this application and start a fast-track list for items such as security lights. This list would be available to all within the district. Applications would still be necessary, but could be approved at the initial meeting of the Commission. Brenda seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Items voted to be on this list so far are :

Security lights

Replacement of existing windows

Outside light fixtures, (only if using a previously approved fixture.) A file of approved fixtures will be started.

Application # 1-03-01

This application is to approve a revision to Certificate #2-96. Which was previously approved. The request is to install 4 Carriage lights, instead of the 2 previously approved.

Patience made a motion to give a certificate of appropriateness for this application, since it is a revision to a previously approved application. Todd seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Application#11-04-01

This application was to verify approval of roof material, previously approved, and to install two weirs above the front two entrances of the house.

Patience made a motion to accept this application as "after the fact", because record of this application was apparently lost. Peter seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Application # (6)

Application from Mark and Gia for changes to the back side of their house. Please refer to application for precise details.

Changes include replacement of existing double hung window with vinyl replacement window in pantry area.

Installation of (4) 30" x 70" double slider doors with white wood grills.

Installation of two 36" x 77" doors (hinged) with white wood grills.

Installation of a 48" x 48" Casement window with white wood grills.

Installation of two sets of carriage lights.

Peter made a motion to accept this application for consideration. Patience seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. A public hearing will be held on this application at 7p.m. on the night of our next meeting.

Application #11-05-01

Application by Mark and Gia, as a revision to application Cert. #7-94. The application is to raise the walkway step 8" in regards to the previously submitted layout. Plans are to keep the stairs laid out as originally planned, but to use 7 stones as opposed to the 3 previously planned. Final appearance to be the same. And to also add two granite posts to the walkway 12" back for the step up onto the walk.

John made a motion to approve the application with changes. Peter seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Old Business:

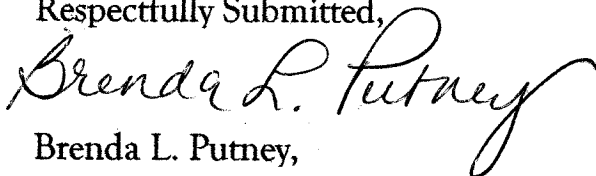
Patience suggested we start back on the design guidelines. John suggested we ask Clarence to advise, Patience will contact Clarence and ask if he is willing.

Peter asked about the signs, we will check with Rick again at the next meeting. John questioned whether or not we will be able to get them done through Monty Tech. Brenda suggested asking the Poet Seat School to make them. She will contact her sister Lynn who works there to check into it. Brenda will check with Cheryl or Barbara to make sure that the money is still there for the signs.

Patience made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peter seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda L. Putney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Brenda L. Putney,
Secretary