

Royalston Historic District Commission
Royalston, MA 01368

January 26, 2002

Because of the lack of a quorum, no official business was handled tonight. Chairman John Divoll did put a couple of items on the table for unofficial discussion. John, Brenda, Patience, and Andy were the only members in attendance.

John showed specs on a street light that Mass. Electric will be putting up for public viewing. One light will be installed on the pole at the corner of the Town Hall Driveway.

The light will be a Sodium Vapor light, in a post-lamp style. If approved, all of the lights in the district will be changed at no cost to the town. Mass. Electric has stated that they will no longer maintain the current lights. The cost to run the lights will also be less, because of the Sodium Vapor bulbs. Bulbs are available in several different wattages.

Andy and Patience agreed that this is a positive move on the part of Mass. Electric, and Andy stated that it will be interesting to see it up to get a better idea how they will look.

Patience asked what towns already have them installed, so that people could see them, and also asked if it would be possible to get one or more of the old ones donated to the Historical Society.

Andy suggested that maybe we should ask Mass. Historic Commission about what has taken place in other towns, and also

that we explore the possibility of acquiring the old lights, in case funding could be secured to reinstall them in the future.

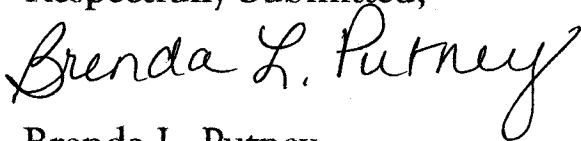
Andy presented an application from the Village School to add lattice work to the underside of the ramp at the Raymond School. Brenda asked if the Village School had the Selectmen's permission to do this, since the building belongs to the town. Andy said that this was an option at the time that they built the ramp, and did not do it. They now wish to install the lattice for safety purposes.

No action was taken on the application tonight, since there was no quorum.

Andy suggested having a public hearing at some point after we have gone over the by-laws to clarify common things that do not require a permit, such as swing-sets, etc.

Discussion was closed for the evening at 8:36 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