

Royalston Historic District Commission

April 18, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Chairman John Divoll.

Members in attendance were John, Patience, Bob, Andy, Peter, Jodie, and Brenda.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. One amendment was made. Andy made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Patience seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Old Business: Application from the Selectmen to change the Street lights.

Andy stated for the record that he feels the style of the new streetlight is inappropriate as a replacement for what we currently have, and that the bulb color and intensity are not appropriate either.

John agreed, stating that those two reasons are felt all over town.

Bob made a motion to reject the application. Peter seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Peter made a motion to write the woman in Erving, thanking her for her lead and referring us to the consultant. Patience seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Andy said he would send the letter.

Andy said that George Woodbury gave a cautious estimate that we would have a cost savings of approximately 40% with the lights he would recommend, before you add purchase cost.

Peter asked about maintainance of the lights, Andy stated that there is room for savings there too. If we own them,

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the D.P.W. could do the maintaince on them. Bulbs would be changed at 50% of the bulb life.

Patience asked if the pole position could change if we owned the lights. John stated no, they would still have to be above the telephone wires. Andy suggested checking with George on height allowance.

Application from Steve Chase and Beth Gospodarek:

Steve added measurements and addressed the list of information listed in the letter. The committee looked over the applications. Peter asked about the spacing of the windows on the South side. Steve provided the information, and clarified that all windows are fixed windows except for on the dormer. All are true divided light wood muntions.

Steve also pointed out that he will grade as close to the siding as code will allow. He will try to have no more than 12" of the foundation showing.

The chimney has to be visible. Code won't allow it to be hidden.

Andy asked if there will be electricity, Steve stated yes.

Bob asked about the green shingles. Steve said that he chose green to match those on the house. Eventually all his shingles will match this green.

Andy asked about the driveway. Steve said there would be an informal gravel driveway.

Bob asked for the placement of the windows and door on the east elevation to be added to the drawings. Steve did so, explaining that they may change a little when he gets the formal framing plan.

Bob questioned the appropriateness of a dormer. John and Peter stated that there used to be alot of barns around with dormers.

Andy made a motion to accept the application for consideration. Patience seconded, and the motion carried.

There will be a public hearing at 7 p.m. on the night of our next meeting.

Bob asked about Jason Fortunato's window. John stated that he replaced it with the same type window.

Peter asked for an update on the signs. Brenda said that the Instructor at Poet's seat had them, and was waiting to hear on the cost. The instructor did have a couple of questions regarding the plans. Brenda will refer him to Andy.

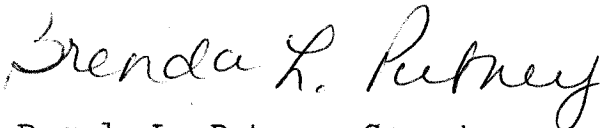
New Business: Application from Casinghinos to change the color of their front door from white to black.

Patience made a motion to accept the applicaiton for consideration. Peter seconded and the motion carried. This will also be covered at the public hearing before our next meeting.

Andy suggested we form a sub-committee to go over the bylaws. Patience made a motion to form a sub-committee consisting of Andy and 2 members. Bob seconded, and the motion carried. The committee will consist of Andy, John, and Bob. They have been asked to meet and come back to the Commission with recommendations.

Bob made a motion to adjourn, Brenda seconded, and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 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 typed name.

Brenda L. Putney, Secretary