

Royalston Historic District Commission

October 3, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m. by Chairman John Divoll. Members in attendance were John, Brenda, Peter, Jason, and Bob.

The committee reviewed the application from Gene Cauthen. There were no objections at the public hearing prior to the meeting. Members asked Gene a few questions to clarify information provided. Peter asked that drawings of the north view of the building be provided so we could add it in with the application. Gene said he would provide that piece.

Jason made a motion to accept the application, pending receiving the sketches of the North view. Bob seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Discussion was held on the application submitted by the Library. Kathy Morris provided information on both the bench and the light. The light post will be 8' high, instead of the 9' stated in the application. The committee thought this would look more appropriate, and Kathy stated that being 8' would bring it to the same level as the lights on the building. The fixture will be 28" on top of the 8' post. The pole will be black aluminum, and the light fixture will also be black. There will be no ladder on the post. Kathy will bring a picture of the fixture when an actual picture becomes available.

Peter made a motion to accept the application for the lamp. Bob seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Kathy provided drawings of the bench, which will be made by Athol Granite. The granite for the bench will be from Virginia. The color of this particular granite is the closest match that they could find to the colors in the Fitzwilliam granite that the steps are made from. Originally, the plan was to put the bench out back, but they could not do this, because of fire access.

Bob made a motion to accept the application for the bench. Jason seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The application for the replacement of the roof on the fire/police complex was discussed next. Brenda made a motion to waive a public hearing on this issue, and revisit the application at the next meeting. Bob seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

An application was received from the Stowells. The application is to put up a fence enveloping their two properties on Warwick Road.

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The planned fence would be a replica of the one at Franklin Pierce's house. This house and fence date back to 1810, the same as the Stowells house, and is why they would like this particular fence.

It was suggested that they double-check the road set back with the town, before installation, if approved.

Brenda made a motion to accept the application for consideration, and hold a public hearing on this application on October 24th. Bob seconded and the motion carried.

Bob made a motion to move the next meeting from October 17th to October 24th, Brenda seconded the motion and the motion carried.

An application was received from Andy West, for installation of a post lamp on his property. Brenda made a motion to accept the application for consideration, and add this to the public hearing on the 24th.

Bob seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Bob made a motion to send a letter to members, expressing the need to have a quorum, and hopefully gaining more active participation. Peter seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Brenda made a motion to write the Selectmen concerning the problem we are having getting a quorum, and asking that they fill the vacant seats on the board with people who wish to serve and be active. Bob seconded the motion. Bob, Brenda, Peter, and John voted in favor, Jason abstained from voting.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brenda seconded, and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Brenda L. Putney

Brenda L. Putney, Secretary