

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 16, 2005

Attendees: John Divoll, chair, Bob Casinghino, Roger O'Donnell, Rick Carrier, Clarence Rabideau, and Andy West, secretary. All were active voters.

No meeting was held in May due to lack of quorum.

Meeting called to order at 7:42 PM by Peter Kraniak, John Divoll arrived later.

The minutes of the April 21, 2005 meeting were read and approved as read.

Active Applications

None

New Applications

Selectmen submitted an application to change the light on the town hall from the former to the currently replace high-pressure sodium (which emits an orange hue). The electric company changed the light when asked by the selectmen to replace the bulb. The Commission accepted the application for consideration and a public hearing was scheduled for July 21, 2005 at 7:15 pm in the Town Hall.

Selectmen submitted an application to add a sign to the Town Hall announcing the building. The Commission thought that a different design, perhaps "Royalston Town Hall" banner style over the door and "Selectmen's Office" and hours next to the door. Andy West withdrew the application for Selectman to be resubmitted.

The Commission received an application from the Congregational Church to reface the spire of the steeple with an interlocking metal shingle. The clapboard face is about 3". The steel interlocking design will expand and contract better than the failing fiberglass in place now. The shingle is by Berridge Manufacturing trade name Hylar 5000 and will be Bone White. Bob Casingino made a motion to accept the application for consideration and hold a public hearing on July 21, 7:00 pm in the Town Hall, Roger seconded. Motion carried with John Divoll abstaining.

Old Business

Peter reported to Andy that a company in Lynn makes the historic signs in Montague, MA. The company makes many of the interstate highway signs. Andy will contact Keith Newton at the Highway department and ask how much a sign would cost.

Bob reported that there is a new curve sign erected near the library. Andy will research the reason that it was put up.

New Business

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Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Bob motioned to end the meeting, John seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew J. West,
Secretary