

# *Royalston Historic District Commission*

*Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368*

## Public Hearing Minutes

Date: July 21, 2005

Chairman John Divoll opened the public hearing at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. The First Congregational church presented information on its application to resurface the steeple. The metal interlocking siding is weather proof and watertight. The interlocking siding allows for expansion and shifting of the siding. The last repair, made in the 1950's was fiberglass over plywood. The fiberglass is now separating from the plywood allowing water to penetrate. Members of the church were present to support the application. The public hearing was closed at 7:20.

Chairman John Divoll opened the public hearing at 7:21 pm to discuss an application from the Selectmen to change the light fixture in front of the town hall. The hearing was scheduled for 7:15 pm. Members of the public were present to discuss the hearing. Andy West read a letter from James and Marlys Kelley objecting to the change of lights. Bob Casinghino mentioned that he spoke to several residents who objected to the replacement. Members of the public were overwhelmingly opposed to the replacement. The public hearing was closed at 7:30pm.

## Meeting Minutes

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Attendees: John Divoll, chair, Bob Casinghino, Celt Grant, Rick Carrier, Clarence Rabideau, and Andy West, secretary. All were active voters.

Meeting convened: 7:30 pm.

A public hearing was held before the meeting on an application from the First Congregational Church for steeple resurfacing and an application from the Selectmen to change the light on the town hall from a white color to an "orange" hue from high-pressure sodium. .

The minutes of the June 17, 2005 meeting were read and approved as read.

### Active Applications

Church Application: Celt recommended to the church that the church contact other churches and ask how they like the siding. Bob Casinghino made a motion to approve the application, Andy West seconded. The motion was unanimous with John Divoll abstaining. The application was approved as 7-2-05.

Celt motion to deny the application and for the Selectmen to send a letter to Mass Electric to find a more appropriate color, Bob second. Motion carried unanimously. The rejected application was numbered 7-1-05.

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New Applications

None.

Old Business

New Business

Discussion continued about the lights. Discussion centered on the options of owning lighting and strategy to get Mass Electric to replace the lights. Gary Winitzer suggested that the commission or body contact the department public utilities and write a letter to the president of Mass Electric.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew J. West,  
Secretary