

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Public Hearing Minutes

Date: October 20, 2005

A public hearing was held at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. Mark Smith presented 3 applications for changes to his house at 7 South Royalston Road. The first application enlarges a door on the east side of the barn. The second application requested paving the driveway in front of the barn and carriage shed on either side of the house. The third application rebuilds and enlarges the carriage shed to become a garage, adds a deck, and additional living space between and behind the garage and house. Members of the public were present and voiced opinions about the changes.

The public hearing was closed at 8:15.

Meeting Minutes

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Attendees: Peter Kraniak vice-chair, Bob Casinghino, Celt Grant, Roger O'Donnell, Clarence Rabideau, and Andy West, secretary. All were active voters.

Meeting convened at 8:20 pm.

A public hearing was held before the meeting on an application from the Smiths for three applications.

The minutes of the September 15, 2005 meeting were read and approved as read.

Active Applications

The application to enlarge the door on the barn was addressed first. Celt made a motion to approve the application, Roger seconded. The motion passed unanimously as certificate 10-1-05.

The application to pave the driveways was addressed next. Clarence spoke of concern about the large amount of asphalt and wondered aloud if there was a different treatment to "soften" the modern appearance. Mark Smith was receptive to the idea and will investigate other options. Mark withdrew the application to resubmit at another time with a different material.

The next application discussed for the gutters. Roger motion. Bob seconded. Approved unanimously as 10-2-05.

The final application, for the garage and deck, was discussed. Members mirrored the public concern about the modern-look of the single door garage and deck. Members suggested two separate openings with 2 doors and transom lights over each. Mark was open to the idea. Concerns for the deck were raised about the height and size of the deck. The following changes were made. The garage will be built to the proposed footprint, framed, roofed. The final finish work on the front of the garage will be postponed until approval of all front features. The following changes were made to the application: "The

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single garage door will be replaced by two 8 foot wide doors with 2 foot "post" between. Opening will remain 18' and positioned same as proposed. The goal of the garage doors is to mimic the old carriage shed doors in appearance. Two separate transom lights may be part of the final design."

Bob made a motion to approve the application as amended. 4 voted in favor, Celt abstained. Application approved as 10-3-05.

New Applications

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

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Election of officers was postponed until November.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Andy moved to adjourn, Celt seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew J. West,
Secretary