

# *Royalston Historic District Commission*

*Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368*

## Meeting Minutes

Date: May 19, 1994

Attendees: John McClure, Peter Kraniak, John Poor, George Krasowski, Patience Bundschuh, Rick Carrier, Lorraine Casinghino and Alternate Andy West (not voting).

Meeting called to order at 8:45 PM

The minutes from the meeting of April 21, 1994 were read and accepted.

### Old Business

John McClure moved to suspend old business since the meeting started late due to the members attending a conflict-of-interest seminar earlier in the evening. The motion was seconded and carried.

### New Business

Patience made a motion to rescind the motion made at the April 21, 1994 meeting in which the Commission voted not to consider new applications without conflict-of-interest resolution from the Select Committee. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Commission considered 3 applications from Mark and Gia Smith. Lorraine moved that the application for a front porch destruction and reconstruction be returned due to incomplete information. The motion was seconded and accepted unanimously. Andy made the point that the previous vote was not really needed and that applications should be screened for completeness before they reach the Commission.

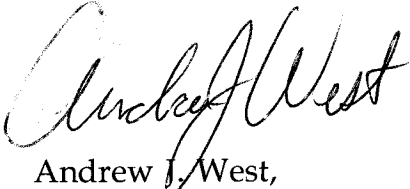
After examination and discussion, Peter moved to accept the Smith's application to remove two chimneys, one on the east end and one on the west. The application stated that <sup>the</sup> center chimney would remain untouched. The application also contained an old photograph of the house with one chimney. Although all the details of the picture were not clear, the Commission felt that it was enough evidence to show that at one time the house did have only 1 chimney. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. *as 2-94*

The third application for removal of a side porch was returned because it was incomplete. John Poor pointed out that because of the sentimental value placed on building features by townspeople, it may be necessary for the Commission to hold a public hearing for the removal of the Smith's porches.

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Several members of the Commission thought it would be helpful to encourage applicants to attend meetings at which their applications are reviewed. Issues and concerns of the Commission could be addressed and clarified immediately.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Andrew J. West". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Andrew J. West,  
Secretary.