

Royalston Historic District Commission
Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Public Hearing Minutes

Date: June 15, 2006

Public hearing opened at 7:20 p.m.

Keith Philip was present to present changes to 18 On the Common on behalf of the property owner, Dwight Stowell. He presented six applications for consideration.

1. Shutters: Wood shutters attached with screws and spacers (cannot be hung because of vinyl siding). Shutters seem to be original and were located in the barn. The applicant will supply additional information: Shutter height, width, and window height and width.
2. Doors to replace garage door on small barn: Two swing open doors to replace an overhead garage door. The applicant will supply additional information: Photographs or specifications of door hardware.
3. Front Porch: Modify existing style. The applicant will supply additional information: Itemized materials, scaled, dimensioned drawings showing front and side elevations, crown molding profile and size, color sample of ceiling paint.
4. Window change: Change windows in bay from 2 over 2 to 6 over 6 pane window.
5. Sign over Barn Door: 16 inches high by 10 feet long. The applicant will supply additional information: Scaled drawing with dimensions including placement of sign relative to windows.

Stephen Chase was present to answer questions about an application from George Krasowski to remove the modern garage door on his barn and replace with the original door, still existing and change color from white to green. Bob moved to accept the application, Celt seconded. A public hearing will be scheduled for 7pm, Thursday, June 15, 2006.

Public hearing closed at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy West,
Secretary

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Meeting Minutes

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Attendees: Peter Kraniak, Rick Carrier, Andy West, Roger O'Donnell, and Bob Casinghino. All were active voters.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Peter Kraniak, Vice Chair.
The minutes from May 18, 2006 were read and approved.

Active Applications

A public hearing was held regarding 5 applications from Dwight Stowell and one from Dr. George Krasowski.

The application from Dr. Krasowski was acted on first. The application garnered small discussion. Bob made a motion to approve the application. Andy Seconded. The vote was four in favor, one against. A Certificate was granted as number 6-1-2006.

The Stowell applications were reviewed next.

Keith Philip was present to represent Dr. Stowell. The applications were handled in the following order.

6. Shutters: Wood shutters attached with screws and spacers (cannot be hung because of vinyl siding). Shutters seem to be original and were located in the barn. Andy made a motion to approve the application. Rick seconded. Three votes in favor. Roger and Bob abstained. The application was approved as certificate 6-2-2006. Mr. Philip agreed to hang the shutters with the frame extensions (legs) to be at the bottom. The Commission did not choose to require the homeowner to hang the shutters with the louvers slanted in.
7. Doors to cover garage door on small barn: Two swing open doors will cover an overhead garage door. Roger made a motion to approve the application, Rick seconded. The application was approved with 4 votes in favor, Bob abstaining as Certificate 6-3-2006.
3. Window change: Change windows in bay from 2 over 2 to 6 over 6 pane window. Andy made a motion to approve the application, Roger Seconded. The application was approved five in favor and Bob abstaining as Certificate 6-4-2006
4. Sign over Barn Door: 16 inches high by 10 feet long. Roger made a motion to reject the application, Andy seconded for the purpose of discussion. Two in favor of rejection, two opposed. The motion did not pass. Andy made a motion to approve the application, Rick seconded. The vote tied again and the motion did not pass. Andy made a motion that in light of the tie that the Commission extend the application to August 17, 2006 at the applicant's request. Rick seconded. The motion passed unanimously, with Bob abstaining.
5. Front Porch: Modify existing style. Andy thought that the capitals did not compliment the Greek Revival design of the house. He proposed changing the application to remove the capitals from the posts. Mr. Philip agreed. Andy made a motion to approve the application

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as amended without capitals on the 4 posts. Rick seconded. The application was approved unanimously as 6-5-2006. Bob Casinghino had left the meeting.

Keith Philip presented an application for a picket fence at 18 On The Common. Andy moved that the application be accepted for consideration with a public hearing to be held on July 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Rick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Andy West presented an application for changes to light fixtures next to his front door at 12 South Royalston Road. Roger made a motion to accept the application for consideration. Rick seconded. The motion carried with 3 in favor and Andy abstaining. Roger made a motion to waive the public hearing due to the insignificance of the change in the Historic District. Rick seconded. The motion passed 3 in favor with Andy abstaining.

Peter mentioned old business that needs to be continued.

1. Entering Historic District signs.
2. Getting Whitney Hall in a Historic District.
3. Membership.

Due to the late hour, the specifics were not discussed.

Meeting adjourned

Andy motioned to adjourn the meeting, Roger seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy West,
Secretary