# Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

# **Meeting Minutes**

Date: July 17, 2008

<u>Attendees</u>: Andy West, Roger O'Donnell, Bob Casinghino, Pierre Humblet and Celt Grant. All were active voters.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm by Vice Chair, Celt Grant.

There was no June meeting.

#### Minutes

Minutes from the May 15, 2008 meeting were read and approved as amended.

# **New Applications**

Pierre Humblet presented two applications to his house at 4 On The Common. One application was to remove a spotlight from the north side of the house. Andy moved to accept the application for consideration and waive a public hearing. Celt seconded. The motion passed with 4 in favor with Pierre abstaining.

The second application was to add stainless steel chimney caps on 3 chimneys. Andy moved to accept the application for consideration and waive a public hearing. Celt seconded. The motion passed with 4 in favor with Pierre abstaining.

# **Old Business**

Roger suggested a clarification to the motion passed at the last meeting. We should send a letter to Henry Cole stating that the propane tank can be seen from the road and is in violation. As a result, we suggest that the structure be buried. Failing that, he should submit an application for the tank including a blocking structure, such as a fence. Such structures by themselves have been rejected in the past. Andy seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Roger has distributed 6 of 8 welcome books to new residents. Members thanked him for his work.

Questions were asked about the Kelley porch steps. They have been painted, but do not have risers.

# **New Business**

Andy asked if the HDC would consider sending a letter of support for the Route 32 project. He explained the scope and details of the project. Roger made a motion to send a letter of support to the Board of Selectmen stating the HDC's gratitude for avoiding historic artifacts in the rehabilitation of Route 32.

# Meeting adjourned

Celt motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bob seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy West, Secretary