

# *Royalston Historic District Commission*

*Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368*

## Meeting Minutes

Date: May 21, 2009

Attendees: Bob Casinghino, Chris Dawson, Pierre Humblet, Ken Lively, Roger O'Donnell. All were active voters.

### Public Hearing

None

At 7:30 p.m. Roger made a motion to open the meeting, Pierre seconded. All in favor.

### Minutes

Roger read the minutes of April 30, 2009 and made a motion to approve them. Pierre seconded. Roger and Pierre voted in favor. The others abstained, as they were not present on April 30th.

### Internal matters

None discussed

### Old Applications

The members discussed Dan Schodek's application to install rock walls to create a sculptured garden next to his house at 1 Frye Hill Rd. No public comments were received. Chris moved that we issue a certificate of appropriateness. Pierre seconded. Chris, Ken and Pierre voted in favor. Roger abstained as an abutter. The certificate was assigned number 2009-05-01.

The commission next considered Ken Lively's application for new shingles to his house roof at 5 on the Common. The barn roof will not be replaced. The new shingles are of a similar color to existing but are architectural in style. No public comments were received. Bob made a motion to approve the application and issue a certificate of appropriateness. Roger seconded. Bob and ~~Chris~~ Roger voted in favor. Pierre and Chris abstained as abutters and Ken abstained as applicant. The certificate was assigned number 2009-05-02.

### Informal presentations

Chris Dawson presented revised plans for his house at 2 on the Common. The members studied them and made a number of suggestions and requests for clarifications.

Pastor Jeffrey Francis discussed plans to improve the rectory at 3 on the Common. The roof slates would be replaced with asphalt shingles and the dish antenna that has been temporarily installed on the front lawn would be relocated to the roof. The windows would be replaced or restored. The south porch area would get safer steps and improved flooring while the adjoining entrance doors would be replaced. The members explained the spirit of the HDC regulations, made a number of practical suggestions and asked for specific descriptions and/or drawings. They also pointed out the wisdom of submitting separate applications for distinct work areas and the need to regularize the recent demolition of the chimney on the north roof.

### New Applications

Kenneth Lively presented an application to install caps on all three chimneys of his house and barn at 5 on the Common. They would match in style and color those already installed at 4 on the Common.

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Bob made a motion to accept the application and to waive the public hearing. Roger seconded. Roger and Bob voted in favor. Pierre and Chris abstained as abutters and Ken abstained as applicant.

Kenneth Lively presented an application to change the color of the front and south side doors of his house from the current white to green, specifically a Sherwin-Williams Billiard green in satin finish, which would match the shutters. Bob made a motion to accept the application and to schedule a public hearing. Roger seconded. Roger and Bob voted in favor. Pierre and Chris abstained as abutters and Ken abstained as applicant.

### New Business

None

### Old Business

Bob requested more action on Henry Cole's propane tank in the rear of his property but a decision was postponed to the next meeting.

### Meeting adjourned

Bob motioned to adjourn the meeting, Roger seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P.A. Humblet". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "P.A." and the last name "Humblet" clearly distinguishable.

Pierre Humblet,  
Secretary