

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 18, 2009

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

In absence of Peter Kraniak, chair, Bob proposed that Roger be elected chair pro-temp. Pierre seconded. Roger was elected unanimously and called the meeting to order at 7:40.

Roger read the minutes of the May 21 meeting and a correction was made. Bob motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Roger seconded. All voted in favor, except Andy and Rick who abstained as they were not present in May.

New Applications

On behalf of Dwight Stowell, Kevin McGuirk presented an application for a certificate of appropriateness to reshingle the garage roof at 18 The Common. The three-tab style would be maintained but the color would be changed to light gray to match the main house. After a short discussion Roger motioned to accept the application for consideration without a public hearing. Chris seconded. All voted in favor except that Bob abstained as abutter.

On behalf of Dwight Stowell, Kevin McGuirk presented an application for a certificate of appropriateness to add a trellis along the easterly side of the side porch at 18 The Common. The commission discussed the application with Kevin and several clarifications were added to the document. Then Andy made a motion to accept the application for consideration without a public hearing. Roger seconded. All voted in favor except that Bob abstained as abutter.

Old applications

The commission discussed the application of Ken Lively to add chimney caps to his house at 5 The Common. No abutters had sent comments. Roger read the application. Andy stated that there was plenty of precedents for this type of addition. Bob motioned to approve the application as submitted and to issue a certificate of appropriateness. Roger seconded. The motion passed with four votes in favor, Chris and Pierre abstaining as abutters and Ken as applicant. The certificate was assigned number 2009-06-01.

At 8:15 Roger opened a public hearing to consider the application of Ken Lively to repaint the entrance doors of his house at 5 The Common. No members of the public were present and no comments had been received. Ken presented the application. After a short discussion Bob motioned to approve the application as submitted and to issue a certificate of appropriateness. Rick seconded. The motion passed with four votes in favor, Chris and Pierre abstaining as abutters and Ken as applicant. The certificate was assigned number 2009-06-02.

At 8:25 Roger closed the public hearing.

Old Business

The commission considered the matters of the gas tank installed without authorization at 7 The Common and the inappropriate rebuilding of the steps at 12 The Common. Roger, as chair pro-temp,

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will send reminder letters to the owners, as no answer had been received to the letters sent previously.

Answering a query about future steps, Andy stated that the commission would ask the selectboard to contact the owners. Usually the case is then resolved quickly, but otherwise the procedure would be to request the Worcester Superior Court to issue a fine.

New application

Chris Dawson presented a new application for a certificate of appropriateness to add a 15x24 saltbox style addition to his house at 2 The Common, replacing an existing ~~15x20-15x10~~ kitchen addition and making some other changes on the East and North side of the main structure. The commission discussed the application and discussed some aspects, such as the style of the new entrance door, the style of the dormers and the use of vinyl windows. The commission noted that the application was complete and clearly specified the style, materials and colors to be used. Bob motioned to accept the application for consideration at the July ~~16-23~~ meeting, after a public hearing. Andy seconded. All voted in favor except Ken and Pierre abstained as abutters and Chris as applicant.

Chris then explained that he would be out of town on the scheduled date. Bob moved to change the date of the regular meeting and of the hearing to July ~~23th~~23rd. Andy seconded. All members voted in favor. As secretary Pierre was asked to notify the Town Clerk of the change of date.

New business.

Andy brought ~~of~~up the matter of an old 30 ft long stone and granite culvert crossing Rt 32 near Steward St. Funds might be available to restore it. Chris motioned to write a ~~leeter~~letter to Mass Highway in favor of restoring it. Andy seconded. Andy volunteered to compose the letter.

Meeting adjourned

Bob motioned to adjourn the meeting, Chris seconded and all voted in favor. Roger adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pierre Humblet,
Secretary