

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Note: At the scheduled time for the regular March meeting, Pierre filed the application by Bob Casinghino for the porch roof at 21 on the Common (#2010-03-01). However the meeting itself did not take place due to the absence of a quorum.

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 15, 2010

Attendees: Peter Kraniak (Chair), Celt Grant (Vice-Chair), Bob Casinghino, Rick Carrier (late), Pierre Humblet and Andy West. All were active voters.

Peter opened the meeting at 7:43 PM.

Minutes

After the Commission members read the minutes of the February 21 meeting, Celt motioned to approve them as written. Andy seconded. All voted in favor except Bob who abstained, as he was not present in February.

Old business

The commission discussed the fact that John McClure has not answered our letter of Dec 7, 2009 about the vinyl windows at 8 NE Fitzwilliam Rd. Celt made a motion to send a certified letter to John stating that he was in violation and asking him to let us know of his plans by our next meeting, otherwise we would ask the Worcester Superior Court to take action. Bob seconded. All voted in favor. Andy and the committee proceeded to compose a letter. Pierre will mail it. Rick joined the meeting during the discussion.

The commission next discussed the upcoming deadlines for the chimney reconstruction at 3 on the Common and the propane tank at 7 on the Common. Pierre will send reminder letters.

Peter made a motion that we send a letter to Roger to thank him for his service and let him know that we would welcome his return. Bob seconded and all voted in favor. Pierre will write the letter.

New business

Bob presented his application to change the roof at 21 on the Common, correcting the date of the previous work. Andy motioned to accept the application for consideration, without requesting a public hearing. Pierre seconded. All voted in favor, except Bob who abstained.

Pierre then announced that hearing waiver letters had been sent to the abutters on March 23 and that no request for a public hearing had been received. Andy motioned to approve the application and issue a Certificate of Appropriateness. Celt seconded. All voted in favor, except Bob who abstained.

On behalf of the Stantons, Pierre filed the application 2010-04-01 to remove the gazebo porch at 22 on the Common. Members noticed that roof work would also be involved, which might require a certificate if the color or material were changed.

Celt moved to accept the application for consideration with a public hearing, and also to send a letter pointing out the need to clarify what roof work was involved, if any. Bob seconded. All voted in favor. Pierre will send a letter.

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Peter mentioned that the hearse house doors had been ripped off by the wind and that the house was put in danger by the trees nearby. There is a proposed warrant to spend \$5000 to repair the house, but it is not likely to be accepted at the Town meeting. There is a possibility to move the hearse to the former firehouse, but it also needs work. The commission discussed various options, without reaching a conclusion. Peter will discuss the issue further at an upcoming Historical Society meeting.

The commission then turned to the latest version of the Internal Rules and Regulations. Pierre pointed out the edits he made to take into account the comments made in February. The commission went over the rest of the text and suggested some wording changes that were noted.

Bob then made a motion to accept the Rules and Regulations as modified today. Celt seconded. All voted in favor.

Pierre will circulate the final version so that the final edits can be proofread, and he will send a copy to the Town Clerk for filing.

Meeting adjourned

Following unanimous approval of a motion made by Bob and seconded by Celt, Peter adjourned the meeting at 9:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P.A. Humblet". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Pierre A. Humblet,
Secretary