

# *Royalston Historic District Commission*

*Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368*

## *Meeting Minutes*

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**Date:** September 15, 1994

**Attendees:** Rick Carrier, Andy West, John McClure, Patience Bundschuh, John Poor and Alternate Mark Smith (voting)

### **Meeting called to order at 7:40pm**

The minutes from the meeting of August 18, 1994 were read and accepted with John Poor voicing his concern over John McClure resigning his position as chairman.

### **Old Business**

Andy West, John McClure and Mark Smith attended the Selectman's meeting. Mark Smith was introduced, interviewed and approved as an Alternate.

Mark Smith was approved as Secretary for the HDC

John McClure mentioned the light standards. He said that the Selectman now have a list of the poles in question and are looking into it. He recommended we not approve any more poles until this question is resolved. Selectman have stated they will send a list to Mass. Electric.

Andy West was introduced as Chairman

John McClure stated he had sent in the dues for the Preservation Commission.

John McClure mentioned some of the buildings that are in disrepair and mentioned that letters of concern should be drafted. John Poor stated we can only state concern and not do anything else. Discussed Bastille, no action at this time. Carboni place, John McClure said the selectman should take action and the building inspector should condemn. John McClure also mentioned the Theodore place

is a problem. Mark Smith recommended encouraging them to sell and that possibly we could assist them in some way to sell. Andy West talked about the HDC guidelines and what our responsibilities are. Smith mentioned he had someone that might be interested in the Carboni place.

*Patience's  
have to preserve vs. raise and destroy  
should take steps to protect*

Patience Bundschuh said a positive letter of encouragement might help. She agreed to draft a letter to Elsie Van Gelaar, the owner of the Theodore house. Patience mentioned that they had gotten matching funds from the Mass. Historical Commission. Andy said he would look into it for other HD properties.

John Poor mentioned there were weeds in front of handicap ramp in front of town hall. He pulled them up. Also paint coming off shutters, broken louvers, etc. He said this should be brought to the selectman's attention. Also mentioned the fire house is in bad shape. John McClure stated that is under the fire department. John Poor wants the town to take care of it's own buildings. John Poor asked for Chairman to talk to town. John McClure recommended a letter. John Poor will draft a letter.

John McClure brought up the conflict of interest issue. He said until this is resolved that Selectman would have to approve every application on a case by case basis. He stated the Selectman are aware of the conflict and are taking no action.

John Poor made a motion to add a disclaimer stating that we are aware of our conflict of interest as to property value when considering an application. Withdrew motion.

All members arrived at a statement to issue when considering any application:

"The HDC realizes its members may be in conflict concerning property values when considering applications for a certificate and will continue to consider these applications until these conflicts are resolved by the Selectman."

John McClure moved to accept. Patience Bundschuh seconded. Approved unanimously.

Andy West agreed to contact the Selectman concerning this disclaimer and would inform them of the HDC's intent.

## **New Business**

Mark and Gia Smith submitted 2 applications for approval. First application for change of color to Weatherbeater Sugar Cookie Yellow Approved unanimously. Smith abstaining. Cert. #6-94.

2nd certificate for removal of front porch. Approved with provision that new sketch will be provided when reproducing the fanlight and pediment. Patience asked for documentation of current house front. HDC approved removal of porch and addition of granite steps. John McClure Moved to approve with revisions as noted. Patience Bundschuh seconded. Approved unanimously. Smith abstained. Cert.#7-94

John McClure brought up the Fortunato house. He mentioned he is working on a list with him to help him fill out the appropriate forms and would to get approval on. Talked briefly about his vinyl shutters. Agreed to take no action at this time. John McClure will talk to him about putting vinyl shutters on the back.

Andy West mentioned that Kevin Caine has put an addition on the back of his house without approval. John McClure said he is not sure of the status of that addition and will check with Dick Corser about the add-on. He also mentioned that the owned of the house is Byers.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm**



Respectfully submitted  
Mark D. Smith  
Secretary

SEPT. 6, 1994

JOHN T. McCURE, HISTORIC DISTRICT

SUBJECT: ILLEGALLY REPLACE LIGHT FIXTURES  
BY MASS. ELECTRIC WITHIN  
THE ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT.

PREVIOUS CONTACTS: LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS  
1993, OCT. - MR. PETER RUSSO, SUPERVISOR  
NORTHAMPTON MASS.

1994, APRIL - MR. GLADSTONE, SUPERVISOR  
NORTHAMPTON, MASS.

#### LIST OF LIGHTS:

POLE # 1 - NORTH FITZWILLIAM RD

POLE # 2 - WARWICK RD. (68 NORTH)

POLE # 1 - RT. 68 SOUTH

POLE # 2 - COMMON

POLE # 4 - COMMON

POLE # 6 - COMMON

POLE # 10 - COMMON

POLE # 14 - COMMON