Royalston Historic District Commission Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 21, 2011

Attendees: Peter (chair), Celt, Chris, Pierre (secretary). All were active voters.

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM.

Minutes

The members read the minutes of the June meeting. Celt motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Peter seconded. All voted in favor except Chris who abstained, as he was not present in June.

Financial items

The Athol Daily News sent a bill for the 2 Warwick Rd hearing notice. Peter will take care of it.

Old business

<u>Historic District boundary signs</u>: As Rick was absent this matter was not discussed further. <u>Planting near the Verizon equipment</u>: Celt recommends 3 Rhododendrons Maximus @ \$30 each and 2 yews @ \$55 each, for a total of \$255 (all numbers are approximate). They should be planted in the spring. Chris mentioned that Verizon may expand the equipment. He will get in touch with the Athol office to learn more. Celt will look more into obtaining the plants.

New business

<u>Windows at 8 N.E. Fitzwilliam Rd</u>. The commission noted that it has been a year since the certificate 2010-05-01 was approved and that the work was started but not completed. In particular the front windows are not in compliance and must still be replaced. The commission composed a letter (see next page). Pierre made a motion that we send the composed letter. Celt seconded. All voted in favor. Pierre will type the letter and Peter will sign it this weekend.

<u>2 on the Common</u>: Chris announced that he intends to move back to Royalston and to undertake the work that was approved a while ago. He inquired about how to proceed. While the steps will need to be voted on, the feeling of the members present was that an expedited process would be possible if the old plans were resubmitted. Pierre pointed out that there are now approved precedents for the type of double pane windows installed at the Bastille and by John McClure and that it would be a good idea to use those instead of the previously proposed vinyl windows.

Meeting adjourned

Celt motioned to close the meeting and Peter seconded. Peter adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Pierre A. Humblet, Secretary

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Mr. John McClure P.O. Box 18 Royalston, MA 01368

Dear John,

The Royalston Historic District Commission takes note that within the past year you have not completed the installation of the low E windows specified in your application approved on July 15, 2010.

As you know, the windows currently in place in the front are not in compliance and must be replaced.

We hope that you will address this issue and complete that part of the work by September 15, 2011. If there is a problem with this date, please inform the HDC of your proposed schedule.

Sincerely

Peter Kraniak, HDC chairman