

# *Royalston Historic District Commission*

*Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368*

## *Meeting Minutes*

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**Date:** November 17, 1994

**Attendees:** Rick Carrier, Andy West, George Krasowski, John Poor, Peter Kraniak and Alternates John McClure (voting) and Mark Smith (voting)

### **Meeting called to order at 7:41pm**

Minutes for October 20th, 1994 approved as revised. Peter Kraniak moved to accept, John Poor seconded, all approved.

John Poor opened the meeting by stating that we should start our meetings on a more positive note instead of going right into the negatives. All agreed.

John Poor stated the following:

- The Barclay house is coming along.
- The MacManus house has been completely repainted, great improvement.
- Poores has done some painting, new shutters, barn window reinstalled.
- Casingtons looking real nice, some spot painting
- Nash's reroofed
- Stowell roof redone - looks nice.
- Zee Bowers house reroofed, some new clapboard  
(Noticed large hole in west side barn roof)
- Bastille - painted side facing road
- Kevin Keane house completely repainted and black shutters back up-looks great
- Adams/Burr house possible sale
- Fortunato house continuing to improve
- Historical Society building needs paint
- Bundschuhs have put up columns on porch
- Smiths lots of things, coming along, new ell roof
- Chaissons have new barn roof

Andy West thanked John for his input.

## **Old Business**

Andy West stated Kate Collins (Selectman) had sent him a letter from the State Ethics Committee and that he only had half. He stated it talked about financial points concerning abutting properties and that he would have more information at next meeting. Also presented letters from Mass. Electric and the Selectman concerning the light stanchions. All reviewed.

Mark Smith (Secretary) handed out a new membership list with status and phone numbers.

John McClure mentioned we should determine if any alternates are voting members before the meeting starts. All agreed. John McClure and Mark Smith voting.

John McClure mentioned the trees. The spots have been staked and Tommy LeRay has been contacted. Tommy had one concern and that is that there is a 75' right of way and that the trees may get crushed during the winter. Trees to close. All agreed to move trees back.

Peter Kraniak asked if town could widen road if wanted. Andy West mentioned public domain. McClure stated the trees have to be located in the right of way. Knolls will deliver. Mark Smith mentioned septic field. Poor asked if trees will be 25' back.

John McClure said he had talked to Dick Corser about Kevin Keanes house and he could not recall what the back looked like. There has been no building permit for the addition. Smith said he would be willing to talk to Kevin about the addition if required. McClure said he would try and get the assessors sketch.

John Poor mentioned Stantons shutters. Concerned with narrow shutters not matching the rest plus some of them are vinyl. Patience Bundschuh said she was going to take a second look but was not in attendance. McClure mentioned it is hard to tell size difference. There are 4 sets of shutters that can be seen. John Poor stated it was a good replication on the Stantons. McClure mentioned Lorainnes has small

shutters on large windows. Agreed to overlook shutters since they can only be seen obliquely. Poor also mentioned that they have failed to take down the pool house chimney as agreed by Nov. 1st. Andy West will draft letter, Smith will provide address.

## **New Business**

John Poor stated that the Fortunato place was looking better. Still the wrong shutters on. Andy West mentioned he had an application for shutters. Color green not specific, green vinyl blinds not specific. Poor moved we act on item 1 only, 6" clapboards painted white. John Poor moved to accept item 1 only. Mark Smith seconded. **Cert.#10-94.** Mark Smith asked why separate apps were not presented. Mentioned other items should be more detailed and items such as window size should be included. Andy West agreed window size should be included. Items 2 and 3 not considered for lack of detail.

Second application submitted for carriage lights on Fortunato house. Mark Smith mentioned that there is not enough detail. Peter Kraniak moved to get more details, measurements, etc. Rejected 4-3.

Peter Kraniak asked about signs being placed on homes. Andy West stated there are laws about signs in our by-laws and nothing can be done.

John Poor reported to Patience Bundschuh that the Stowell porch roof is no longer tin and has been replaced with white rolled asphalt. A discussion followed and then Mark Smith moved to write a letter stating that they are in violation and ask for an after the fact application. Peter seconded, all approved.

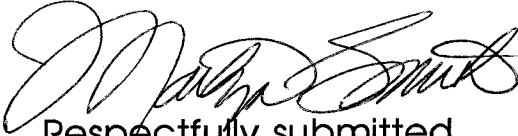
John Poor mentioned the fire house. Andy West had not rewritten the letter yet. John Poor mentioned there used to be a building committee for the town hall. John Poor opened for discussion the possibility that the Selectman pass on the responsibility of the outside maintenance of Town Hall and Fire House be passed on to the HDC. Poor would donate the clapboards for the fire house and would head up exterior renovation committee for municipal building. Would agree if Selectman approved any changes.

John Poor said a warrant would be drawn up stating from the HDC and would go to the town meeting. Mark Smith moved that we ask

the Selectman ~~would~~ allow the HDC to take on the responsibility for the outward appearance of the 2 buildings. George Krasowski seconded. All approved.

Peter Kraniak moved to adjourn, Rick Carrier seconded.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:46pm**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark D. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" being the most prominent.

Respectfully submitted  
Mark D. Smith  
Secretary