

Royalston Historic District Commission
Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 16, 2012

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

Peter opened the meeting at 7:36.

Minutes: The members read the minutes of January. Celt motioned to accept them as read. Bob seconded. All voted in favor.

New applications:

Geoffrey Newton filed an application to install a power board on the Town Dump Rd side of Bullock Park. The goal is to provide electrical power for park events. Geoffrey answered many questions and amended the application to add details, such as roof, colors and lock. Pierre made a motion to accept the amended application for consideration and to hold a public hearing in March. Bob seconded. All voted in favor. Application 2012-02-01.

Christopher Dawson presented a proposal to add a 20' x 20' two story addition at 2 on the Common, constructed to look like a barn. The main source of information was an informative Photo Shop montage showing the elevations of two sides. The commission felt that a plan and more details should be provided.

Correspondence (see annexes):

- Pierre circulated the letter he had sent to EBI consulting with copy to the MHC about the proposed tower at 46 Warwick Rd. as well as an e-mail from Randolph Langenbach, the author of the 1974 pictures for the NRHP application. He gives us permission to post the pictures on our web site.
This month we received from Beliveau Communication a terrain profile and responses to our questions in our letter to EBI consulting. Pierre will answer back if needed after coordinating with the MHC.
- Gannett Fleming sent us a Section 106 letter about replacing the bridge carrying the N.E. Fitzwilliam Rd over the Lawrence brook. The commission has no objection. Pierre will look into the history of the site and answer.

Internal matters

Bob asked about the status of Clarence Rabideau's nomination. A letter to the Select Board has been written but not yet delivered, due to a misunderstanding. Peter will deliver the letter to the Town Hall.

Old business

Pierre reported that he had found letters from 1990 and 1998 about the shrubs around the telephone company cabinets near the Fire Station, so we are in good shape to approach Verizon. Celt will meet with Keith on 2/20 and nail down some details. Pierre will then send a letter to Verizon.

New business

Ken reported that his boiler has failed and that he is investigating photo-voltaic solutions. The barn roof would be the best location but unfortunately it is too much in the shade (but trees could be cut). Panels

could also be placed on the main roof, where they would only be partially visible from the street. More to follow.

Meeting adjourned

Bob motioned to close the meeting. Ken seconded. Peter closed the meeting at 10:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P.A. Humblet". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "P.A." and the last name "Humblet" clearly distinguishable.

Pierre A. Humblet,
Secretary

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Meeting Agenda
March 15, 2012 at 7:30 PM
Royalston Town Hall

Old Applications:

Geoffrey Newton, construction of a power board at Bullock Park.

New Applications:

Daniel Schodek, construction of a screened back porch at 1 Frye Hill Rd.

Others as they may be filed at the meeting

Internal HDC matters:

Correspondence

Financial items

Other internal matters

Other commission matters:

Tower at 46 Warwick Rd

Historic District boundary signs

Update to rules and regulations.

Any other business that may come before the commission