

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 15th, 2012

Attendees: Peter Kraniak (Chair), Celt Grant, Pierre Humblet (Secretary), Rick Carrier, (late). All were active voters.

At 7:40 PM Peter opened the meeting

Minutes:

The members read the minutes from the October 18 meeting and proposed two minor corrections. Rick made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Celt seconded. All voted in favor.

Peter reported that John Poor passed away on Nov 10. He was instrumental in the creations of the Royalston Common National Historical Register District and of the Royalston Local Historic District, he served as an original member of the RHDC when it was created in 1980 and was still serving as alternate.

Proposed solar panel guidelines

Celt made a motion to approve the guidelines for solar energy systems, using the text already approved at the October meeting. Pierre seconded. All voted in favor. The guidelines will be part of a new Appendix A in the HDC rules and regulations.

Internal HDC matters

Peter mentioned that he had sent a letter to the Selectboard nominating Celt as the HDC representative for the Town Hall elevator meeting discussed below. No other correspondence nor financial matter were discussed

Other commission matters:

Historic District boundary signs: The Town held a quick Special Town Meeting recently but regretfully this matter was not put on the agenda. Linda Alger is still looking for the funds.

Town hall elevator

Celt reported what happened at a meeting called by Linda on Monday Nov 5th to hear issues raised by Jim McPhee, without the presence of the architect and of the MRPC. Jim presented the concerns outlined in his letter. Stephen Chase spoke against option 3 on architectural grounds. The other few members of the public were mostly there to learn. No vote was taken.

Common renovation: A meeting was being held in parallel, with Clarence in attendance.

Meeting adjourned

Celt made a motion to close the meeting. Rick seconded. It was unanimously approved. Peter closed the meeting at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Pierre A. Humblet,
Secretary