

# *Royalston Historic District Commission*

*Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368*

## Meeting Minutes

Date: January 17th, 2013

Attendees: Peter Kraniak (Chair), Bob Casinghino, Celt Grant, Pierre Humblet (Secretary), Clarence Rabideau, Rick Carrier, Andy West (late). All were active voters.

Peter opened the meeting at 7:39

### Minutes:

The members read the minutes of the December 18 meeting Celt made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Rick seconded. All voted in favor.

### New applications

John Knight presented an application to erect a 20' x 40' open side pavilion in the South East corner of Bullock Park. This is an Eagle Scout project that would be paid with CPS (??) funds. The purpose is for recreation (table and benches, grill, ...).

The chosen location is in a wooded area and the proposed position is constrained by trees (there are no funds available to cut trees).

The members asked several questions and found the application to be complete and in good order.

Celt made a motion to accept the application for consideration, with a public hearing. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor.

### Internal HDC matters

Pierre wondered if we should respond to Geoff Newton suggestions made at our last meeting that we define better what "structures" fall within our jurisdiction. After some discussion the consensus was that there would always be grey areas, and that being too precise causes a risk that future developments could be excluded by that language although they would be inappropriate.

### Other commission matters:

Historic District boundary signs: At the end of the December meeting Linda Alger told a few of us that she had determined that the money appropriated by the Town Meeting in 1999 had not been returned to the general funds. This seems to imply that the funds are available and could be spent. The commission asked Pierre to compose (and circulate for comment) a letter to the Select Board inquiring about the fund status.

### Meeting adjourned

Clarence made a motion to close the meeting. Rick seconded. It was unanimously approved. Peter closed the meeting around 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Pierre A. Humblet,  
Secretary