

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: Aug 22th, 2013

Attendees: Peter Kraniak (Chair), Celt Grant (Vice-chair), Clarence Rabideau, Pierre Humblet (Secretary), Rick Carrier. All were active voters.

Peter opened this special meeting at 7:35 PM. It was called mainly for the purpose of voting on application 2013-07-2.

Old applications

2013-07-2 Application by Kevin McGuirk to reroof the main roof at 2 Warwick Rd with artificial slates and to install a ridge cap

Many members had looked at the artificial roof slates in Baldwinville and on the Athol train station. This last one seemed to be using the same material as the one proposed in the application. The general sentiment was that it didn't look like natural slate at all and that its uniformity made it appear to be asphalt shingle from a distance. It was also pointed out that pitch of the roof was so small that the material would not stand out, and that our decision was unlikely to serve as a popular precedent given the cost of the material. Thus we could accept the application with minimal danger to the integrity of the Common and evaluate the effect afterwards. Celt made a motion to approve the application. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor except Pierre who abstained.

Other commission matters:

Historic District boundary signs:

It was decided to use L brackets to attach the signs, possibly reinforcing them by gluing a piece of wood in the back. The responsibilities are:

Rick: decide what posts to buy.

Peter: provide brackets

Celt: reinforce the signs.

A reconnaissance party will determine the locations of the signs on Saturday Aug 24.

Common restoration:

The project of Eric Duffin is getting more precise. An interpretive sign would be placed near the Post Office (old School), which requires permission from the Selectboard. Brochures would be available underneath the panel.

11 NorthEast Fitzwilliam Rd.: Peter has met Jim Barclay and discussed the situation. Jim wants to install a stockade to hide the tanks. Lattice was seen as more appropriate. We expect an application in September.

Historic District brochure

In view of the large number of houses that are for sale on the Common, we should make new welcome brochures. Peter gave the old originals to Pierre who will modernize them.

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Meeting adjourned

On a motion made by Pierre, seconded by Celt and unanimously approved, Peter closed the meeting at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P.A. Humblet".

Pierre A. Humblet,
Secretary