

Present: Steffie Sigmund, Bob Gravley, Patience Bundscuth, John Poor
Tom Musco, Guyola Shackelford

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
Jan. 27. 1983

Meeting was called to order by Bob Gravley, chairman. Minutes of Dec. 2, 1982 meeting were read and approved.

Old Business: Alan Bowers wrote a letter to the Parsonage re; temporary chimney structure which is to be removed by June 30, 1983. It is to be inspected by the fire chief and an application re-submitted for approval.

A letter regarding definitions of structure has been drafted by John Poor using those definitions from the meeting of Dec. 2, 1982. It will be checked by Glen Freden and any adjustments made by the next meeting. It needs to be put in a format for a news letter and then incorporated into the by-laws.

Bob Gravley contacted Mr. Spinney in Vt. regarding slate roofing. Mr. Spinney recommended a person closer to the area, I.E. Steve Wooliver, or Howard Gleason (of Lanesboro). He felt they were competent and reasonable in price. A roofing fund of \$37,000 has been established at a special town meeting in Jan. 1983. It was pointed out that the roofing problem should be settled by the Selectmen and this Commission and for the present the Commission should keep a low profile.

No input has been received from Kate Collins regarding her findings on the slate roofing problem.

The fence surrounding the Peter Pap property still has unsightly tapes on it. The fence has been changed from the wooden one to a single strand electric wire. The questions this brings up are: What does the Commission object to? What is the violation? The tapes are to be removed when the new horse has adjusted to the pasture. It was agreed that the owner should be notified verbally regarding the white tapes and Bob Gravley will phone him.

Some time ago the church needed an immediate approval to tear down the old building behind the Lions club. At time request was submitted the church indicated it was of immediate concern to them. It still has not been torn down and Patience Bundscuth will contact Barney Stearns regarding its removal.

The historic survey that has been on going for sometime now needs to be completed. Discussion of several houses was made and each group is to pick examples of type of house in their area as being typical and then say how many of the same type are in the area. The houses are to

be separated according to architecural style.

New Business: A committee is to look over a newsletter presented by Bob and to present finding at next meeting. It is a letter that could be used to present to ~~area residents~~ when needed. The Committee is to condense the by-laws, using the newsletter as a guide.

Committee: Steffie, Patience, Guyola.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25

Next meeting: Feb. 24, 1983

Respectfully submitted,

Guyola Shackelford
Guyola Shackelford, secretary

Present: John Poor, Steffie Siegmund, Patience Bundscuth, Waino Kirkman, Glen Freden, Guyola Shackelford

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
Feb. 24, 1983

In the absence of Bob Graveley, the meeting was called to order by Steffie Siegmund, vice-chairman.

Old Business: No response has been received by Alan Bowers regarding a letter written to the Parsonage regarding the temporary chimney .

Kate Collins contacted John re slate roofing and stated she had talked to a roofer in regard to used slate. John explained that used slate was not feasible and could not be used. It was noted that the names of the slate roofers in our possession should be given to Kate.

Paps fence: Patience contacted the people renting Paps house regarding the unsightly tapes on their horse fence. The tapes have been removed and it was agreed by all present that the Pap's fence case is now closed.

Patience contacted Barney Sterns re: the old structure belonging to the church. Barney in turn contacted Wayne Newton to remove the structure as soon as possible.

Letter by John regarding structures has been show to Glen for approval. Glen raised several questions: What is an abutter, neighboring property owners and what is visible from public way. Agreed to shelve this until all members are present at next meeting. *question raised is: to we have jurisdiction over things not visible from public way.*
The committee working on the newsletter and by-laws presented their work. The newsletter was discussed and changes made and it will be presented again at the next meeting.

New business: John Poor has talked to Natalie Wells who recalled from her childhood the colors of the houses and other structures on the Common. It was suggested she be contacted to give the colors of each house as she recalls them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50
Next meeting: March 24

Respectfully submitted *gs.*

Guyola Shackelford, secretary

Present: John Poor, Patience, Bundscuth, Glen Freden, Tom Musco,
Steffle Siegmund, Bob Gravley, Guyola Shackelford, Alan Bowers

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
April 21, 1983

The meeting was called to order by Bob Gravley, with the minutes of the Feb. 24th meeting read and approved.

Old Business: The parsonage chimney has been extended without getting Commission approval. In addition the north half of the west L roof has had the slate removed and replaced with asphalt roof, but does not show from the street. In addition some visible shingles that did not match rest of the roof were removed and replaced with matching ones. Motion was made and carried that a letter be written to church commenting that the improvements enhanced the building but a violation was incurred and the Commission still needs an application approved, and the application is to be enclosed with the letter which Bob will send.

The white flags surrounding the horse fence on the Pap's property are again up. Patience will take application forms to the occupant to fill out and will offer suggestions on what the Commission will approve.

Letter about structures has been satisfactorily resolved. It will be added to list of definitions and kept with the by-laws.

Newsletter corrections were read and changes made. Committee will again go over it and report at next meeting.

New Business: John Poor suggested the Commission and Selectmen should hold a joint meeting, the date to be April 28, 1983 at 7:00 P. M. at Phineas Newton library. John will write the letter and send to each of the selectmen who will be asked to contact Bob as to whether they can attend.

It was noted that Harold Newton has recently replaced the roof on his ^{shed} barn with one of various colored shingles, without Commission approval. This is in direct violation and it was not determined what should be done to bring this matter to his attention.

There is a resignation expected on the Commission and names were suggested to fill the vacancy when it occurs. Following were suggested: Bruce Newton, Don Courser, Maxine Wilcox, Arlene, Vining, and Dave Putney.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00. Next meeting to be April 28, 1983.

Respectfully submitted, *GL*
Guyola Shackelford, secretary

Present: Alan Bowers, John Poor, Patience Bundscuth, Glen Freden
Tom Musco, Steffie Siegmund, Bob Gravley, Guyola Shackelford

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
April 29, 1983

The meeting was called to order by Bob Gravley with the minutes of the April 21 meeting read and approved.

The meeting was called as a proposed meeting with the three selectmen. Letters were sent to all selectmen requesting that they meet with the HDC to discuss better communications between both groups. Only one response, from Dwight Stowell was received, who indicated he would be unable to attend. He stated he wished to have this meeting at the regular selectmen's meeting. Because of previous commitments on Mondays (the selectmen's meeting night) Bob Gravley would be unable to attend. As purpose of such a meeting is to also include the building inspector as well as selectmen it was decided to set another meeting for either May 12 or 19th. Dwight Stowell did appear at this meeting later (8:10) and approved such a meeting and will contact the building inspector to see which date he can appear.

New Business: It was noted that Harold Newton has recently re-roofed his barn with multi colored shingles. The Commission decided there was no violation as the old roof had also been multi colored.

Wayne Newton attended the meeting with a request for a proposed addition to the porch at Kymalainen's house. Existing porch is 5' X 32' running east and west along south side of house. They wish to extend another 10 X 10 area for a roofed area, to be enclosed with turned railings to match existing ones. Was determined the application needs further clarification. Wayne will make the necessary changes and return it to the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 9 P. M.

Respectfully submitted, *gs*

Guyola Shackelford, secretary

Present: Bob Gravley, Alan Bowers, Patience Bundscuth, Glen Freden
Waino Kirkman, Tom Musco, John Poor, Steffie Siegmund.

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
May 12, 1983

Meeting was called to order by Bob Gravley; minutes of the last meeting were not read.

Two guests were present: Dr. Dwight Stowell, selectman and Geoffrey Newton, building inspector.

Patience Bundscuth presented a paste up of the "Communication pamphlet" and discussed methods for reproducing copies. She also asked for additional clarification of the term "hardship".

Tom Musco raised the possibility of obtaining tax deduction for those individuals providing professional volunteer services. i.e. P. Bundscuth. for the Commission. It was agreed that the Chairman would acknowledge these services in the form of a written note when so requested.

The Selectman and the Building Inspector were invited to this meeting to discuss means for cooperatively achieving implementation of the Historic District By-laws. The salient points of the discussion that followed are noted as follows.

1. Dr. Stowell suggested a review of the By-laws and stated that in a small town such as Royalston the Commission should show more flexibility in the interpretation of the by-laws. He asked that the Commission not make it too difficult to live in the district.

2. The Building Inspector had not seen, and therefore had not read the Historic District By-laws for the town of Royalston. However he stated that he felt that he could make the decisions when the building permits submitted to him complied with the By-laws. Several Commission members pointed out that the Commission was charged with the interpretation of the provisions of the By-laws and were responsible to the State Commission.

The Building Inspector was asked to report any requests for changes to the Commission and thus help us prevent problems of non-certification, before they arise, such as the Chaissen, Willis and French episodes. It was emphasized that when in doubt, ask the owner to file. The Secretary will provide the Building Inspector with copies of the By-laws and application forms. As the Building Inspector left he promised to cooperate and to refer all changes to the Commission.

Through the discussion it became apparent that interpretation of VISTA should be reviewed.

Wayne Newton re-submitted the Kymalianen application with drawings showing the changes requested. The Commission accepted the application as being complete and agreed to hold a public hearing on the application on June 16, 1983

Meeting adjourned.

(minutes taken by St. Siegmund. *as if*)

Present: Bob Gravley, Patience Bundscuth, Tom Musco, Glen Freden,
Alan Bowers, Guyola Shackelford

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING.
June 15, 1983

Meeting was called to order by Bob Gravley, minutes of April 29th
and May 12th were read and approved.

Old Business: The price for 100 copies of the pamphlet being prepared
to explain the Commission would be 425 for Xerox copies and \$25 for
setting the type. The motion was made and approved to have the
pamphlets produced with a cover in golden rod color and inserts to
be cream. It was agreed to have them delivered to each occupant in
the Historic District. Copies of this and also the by-laws will be
given G. Newton, building inspector.

New Business: Patience Bundscuth presented an application for the
changing the color of their front door to dark green to match the
shutters, which was the original color. Motion made and carried to
grant a certificate of appropriateness for the color change as it is
within the suggested color guide colors. P. Bundscuth abstained
from voting. Letters or verbal contact will be made by the secretary
with the people who would see the door from their property and a
period of 10 days elapse before the Bundscuths may go ahead with the
change, in order to dispense with a public hearing.

Mary Jane's resignation was regretfully accepted. A vacancy
exists and the selectmen will appoint a new member, letter to be
written or a verbal contact to be made to advise them of the vacancy.

Public hearing re: Kymalainen's addition.

With no one attending the public hearing there was no discussion
regarding the application so hearing was closed. Motion was made
and carried that a certificate of appropriateness be issued. Bpb
Gravley will contact the state Commission to see if the application can
have a completion date set.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Guyola Shackelford, Secretary.

Present: Glen Freden, John Poor, Tom Musco, Steffie Siegmund
Bob Gravley, Patience Bundscuth, Alan Bowers, Wayne Newton,
Guyola Shackelford

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
Aug. 4, 1983

Old Business: Many of the road signs are redundant and it was decided that at the next meeting there would be a walking tour of the Common to determine which signs were not needed so the selectmen could be advised and have them removed.

New Business: Stantons who recently purchased the Evans home submitted a request to change the shutter color to black. Motion was made and carried to issue a certificate of appropriateness. The abutting properties, John Poor, Natalie Wells, and Leslie Mac Manus are to be notified of the change.

Election of officers: The following were elected to serve for the coming year:

Steffie Siegmund----Chairman
Patience Bundscuth-- Vice-chairman
Guyola Shackelford--Secretary.

It was noted that recent newcomers to the historic district have not been notified by the realtors in the area that it is a historic district. Motion was made and carried that the secretary write a letter to the Board of Realtors advising them of the necessity of notifying prospective buyers.

Next meeting: Sept. 8, at which time everyone is to bring the house surveys.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted, *JS*

Guyola Shackelford, secretary.

Present: Waino Kirkman, John Poor, Steffie Seigmund, Wayne Newton
Glen Freden, Alan Bowers, Guyola Shackelford

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
Sept. 20, 1983

Before the meeting was convened the members walked the Common to note the street signs and agree on which ones could possibly be removed or changed.

Amended
Meeting was called to order by Steffie Seigmund, Chairman. Since the notice of the meeting was not posted, the minutes of the Aug. 4th meeting could not be read and approved.

New Business: Alan Bowers presented an application on behalf of the Boy Scouts for approval of a sign over their building, the former fire station. Since this is not an official meeting, no action could be taken until the next meeting.

Jim Willis has again asked for permission to extend the stack on his kitchen chimney with a metal one that extends some distance above the existing chimney. Wayne Newton, as the fire chief will notify them that according to town fire laws they can not put up such a metal stack. It was further agreed that the application should come from the church trustees as they are the owners of the property. Wayne will convey this information to Barney Sterns a trustee.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the redundant road signs and what should be done with them. It was agreed that Steffie will write a letter to the Selectmen and present it to them in person. Glen has the map he did earlier that locates all the signs and Steffie will work from that.

Discussion was held regarding the on going survey as to what should be picked for the final survey and agreed that only several typical structures from each area would be used.

The following schedule is for members of the Commission to attend each selectmen's meeting:

Oct.	G. Shackelford	April	Tom Musco
Nov.	John Poor	May	Wayne Newton
Dec.	Alan Bowers	June	Bob Graveley
Jan	Waino Kirkman	July	Patience Bundscuth
Feb.	Glen Freden	Aug.	G. Shackelford
March	Steffie Seigmund	Sept.	John Poor

Next meeting: Oct. 20 at 7 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully submitted, *gs*

Guyola Shackelford, Secretary

Present: Wayne Newton, Patience Bundscuth, Glen Freden, Tom Musco,
Bob Gravley, John Poor, Guyola Shackelford

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
Oct. 27, 1983

In the absence of the chairman, Steffie Siegmund, the meeting was called to order by Patience Bundscuth ~~as~~ chairman. Minutes of the meetings of Aug. 4th and Sept. 20th were read and approved, with the notation that the Sept. 20th meeting was an unofficial one.

Old Business: Steffie, John and Patience again walked the Common to determine which street signs were redundant and marked those with black tape. At least five were felt to be un-needed, usually older ones that have been replaced with the current green signs.

Re: Chimney at the parsonage. Wayne spoke to Jim Willis and Barney Sterns regarding the extension of the metal stack. Barney as a church trustee said he will look into the matter further.

As fire chief, Wayne has notified them it is violation of fire codes.

G. Shackelford attended the selectmen's meetings for month of Oct, and nothing pertinent to the Historic Commission was brought up.

Re: certificate of approval for sign over the Boy Scout building, which could not be voted on at the last meeting as it was not an official one. The sign will be black letters on a white background, similar to one that was on the building when it was the fire station. Certificate of Approval was unanimously approved.

Re: Building survey. Bob Gravley will evaluate all the surveys turned in to him. Those not present are to mail theirs to him before next meeting. at RFD # 2, Butterworth Rd. Orange, 01364. Only four representations of each area need to be submitted.

New Business: Bundscuths applied for a Certificate of Approval to install a sky light on the southwest part of the L of their house, and to also replace the roof to match existing color on rest of roof. Bob raised the question as to whether this would open the way to more sky lights, that would be more visible. It was discussed that the visual impact of this skylight was even less than the previous accepted sky light application. Unanimously approved, with Patience Bundscuth not casting a vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P. M. Next meeting is Nov. 17, 1983

Respectfully submitted, *GS*
Guyola Shackelford, Secretary

Present: Patience Bundscuth, Wayne Newton, Waino Kirkman, Tom Musco
John Poor, Glen Freden, Steffie Siegmund, Guyola Shackelford

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
Nov. 17, 1983

Meeting was called to order by Steffie Siegmund, chairman. Minutes of the meeting of Oct. 27, 1983 were read and approved.

Old Business: Re. chimney at the church parsonage. Barney Stearns claims that the RHDC did not send a letter telling them that the RHDC could not approve the metal stack used to extend the chimney. They would like a letter saying it could not be done as it is a fire hazard. Steffie will write the letter.

House survey: Bob Gravley who is completing the survey was not at this meeting so the remaining surveys will be mailed to him.

New Business: Realtor C.E. Pultorak of Gardner has a for sale sign on 4 house lots within the historic district. A letter will be sent advising the realtor that they are within the historic district and certain requirements must be met for this reason. A check will be made to see who owns the lots and a letter also sent to them.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M. Next meeting will be Jan. 19, 1984

Respectfully submitted,

Guyola Shackelford, ^{JS} Secretary