

Present: Waino Kirkman, Steffie Siegmund, John Poor, Bob Gravley,
G. Shackelford

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
Feb. 16, 1984

An informal meeting was held for the purpose of discussing the house survey that has been completed by the Commission.

Bob Gravley had presented the work already done to Candance in Boston, who went over the material and felt we were on the right track in the survey and what information we had was meaningful. However, it was felt each district needed more information about the houses, major street names to be included, and each house to be located on a map in relation to the area and other houses. The feeling is that there can not be too much information. In some cases clearer pictures were needed, and it was mentioned that S. Royalston has the only brick house in the area which should be included in the survey.

Harold Newton came to the meeting and thought the Commission should be aware that certain roads on the area were to be discontinued, if the town meeting approved this action. He felt the Commission should object to the closing of these road and that we should make our feelings known to the planning board and selectmen.

At the next meeting, March 15th, the Commission members are requested to bring their corrected information on the house survey.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted

Guyola Shackelford *GS*

Present: Patience Bundschuh¹⁴⁰⁴, Alan Bowers, Bob Gravley, John Poor,
Glen Freden, Waino Kirkman, Guyola Shackelford,
Steffie Siegmund

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
March 15, 1984

Meeting was called to order by Steffie Siegmund, chairman.

Old Business: Re; lots for sale on N. E. Fitzwilliams Rd. The lots are owned by a Mr. Compton and the realtor who has the listing is Mr. Pultorok. Steffie contacted Mr. Pultorok to be sure he was aware they were within the Historic District and anyone interested in purchasing them must be so advised. He assured her that he would give this information to anyone interested.

Re: closing of several roads in the Royalston area . It was determined that it was not under the jurisdiction of the Royalston Historic District so no action would be taken.

House survey: There are still 3 houses that need more information. Patience will complete one and Bob the other two, with the completed information to be given to Bob.

Re: Parsonage chimney. Minutes of Nov. 17th meeting were re-read regarding the chimney and no action was taken. *By letter of town in Jan. 1984, the chimney was found to be in poor condition and the fire*

New Business: Glen presented info regarding the Mass. Association of Conservation Commission in which there is a state program that has seven million dollars to be used from improvements. He thought there could be projects within the District that could benefit from this program. If we are interested we should contact the Boston office of Dept. of Environmental Management to get application forms. Or possibly Mr. Phillip Moulton of Baldwinville who works for this dept. and could be of some help. No action taken.

Millie French submitted an application of appropriateness to build a ramp at her front door as she is no longer able to negotiate the stairs. Due to his relationship with Miss French, Alan Bowers abstained from voting. It was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectively submitted, *gs*
Guyola Shackelford, Secretary

Present: John Poor, Steffie Siegmund, Wayne Newton, Tom Musco,
Patience Bundschuh, Guyola Shackelford

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
June 21, 1984

Steffie Siegmund, chairperson, called meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved.

Old Business: The house survey has been completed and submitted to the Mass. Historic Commission.

Steffie wrote a letter regarding grants but has not received a reply and will write another letter.

It has been over a year since Kymalians applied for a certificate of appropriateness to replace a porch. To date nothing has been done but our by laws do not have a time limitation as to when a project should be completed. Wayne Newton will talk to Kymalians to see what their plan is regarding completing their porch and will have this information at the next meeting. *Original application was April 1983* *Since the porch has been removed (in March 1984)*

New Business: Mrs. Walters appeared at this meeting regarding an application to replace existing red shingles with dark shingles, which better matches other roofs on the Common. She also wants to replace existing siding with vinyl siding for less maintenance. The Commission explained what their feeling was on using vinyl and that all window surrounds and other trim could not be covered. Wayne said that most of the trim had already been extended to accommodate the siding now there so there may not be a problem regarding this. He suggested another meeting be held so he could obtain samples of aluminum molding etc. to show Mrs. Walters and the Commission what they would look like. In addition Mrs. Walters said she intended to tear down the barn in the future and she felt she could do what she wishes with her house. As they are reaching retirement age they want to make their place as maintenance free as possible. She did not file an application at this time.

Tom Musco noted that a state archelologist had done a survey of Royalston but the Commission was not notified.

Glen Freden resigned to the selectmen as they will soon be moving from the area. Richard Boast, an architect was suggested as a replacement and Stef fie will contact the selectmen regarding this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17. Next meeting to be July 19.

Respectfully submitted, *gs*

Guyola Shackelford, secretary

Present: John Poor, Alan Bowers, Tom Musco, Steffie Sigemund,
Richard Bpast, Guyola Shackelford

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
July 21, 1984

Steffie Siegmund, chairperson called meeting to order at 7:30.
Minutes of June 21 were read and approved.

New member Richard Boast was introduced and welcomed.

Old Business: The existing problem regarding Kymalianens application of April, 1983 was discussed. Wayne Newton talked to them and was told they will soon paint the exposed area where the porch was removed and that they are expecting money soon and may then do something about replacing the porch, but no definite date was given. It was noted they have recently removed shutters but have not started any painting of the house, if this is their plan. John suggested a written statement of intent might be considered. Steffie will write the letter and suggest they either attend our next meeting or reply to the letter.

Waters----- Wayne was not able to obtain samples of molding but did bring a brochure showing the various styles available. Mrs. Waters wants the roof started by the end of July but has not presented her certificate of appropriateness. Wayne will contact her regarding it as he understands it has been completed. A meeting of the Commission will be set for July 30th to act on her application in order that there be no delay in her proposed starting date. Wayne said a problem exists before the roof can be put on, due to the O. G. molding at gable ends.

Removal of her barn was discussed with the idea it might be possible for them to sell it, with the necessary land, in hopes it could be saved.

New Business: Glen Freden submitted an application for replacing some of their roof. They wish to put on 36 inch shingles instead of the standard size. It was decided that they would not show enough to change the appearance and a certificate of appropriateness was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Next meeting July 30.

Respectfully submitted, *gs.*

Guyola Shackelford, secretary

Present: Alan Bowers, Wayne Newton, Patience Bundschuh, Richard Boast,
Waino Kirkman, Tom Musco, Guyola Shackelford, Steffie Siegmund
John Poor

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
July 30, 1984

Steffie Siegmund, chairperson called meeting to order at 7:25. Minutes of meeting of July 21 were read and approved.

Old Business: Wayne had been contacted by Kymalainen's to begin the work for which a certificate of appropriateness had been issued June 15, 1983. No completion date was noted at time of issuing the approval and Bob Gravley at that time was to contact the state commission to find out if a completion date could be required. It was agreed that since Kymalainen's had contacted Wayne to start working then it would no longer be necessary to write them a letter.

Mrs Waters attended the meeting in regard to vinyl siding being put on their house. She had applied for a certificate of appropriateness and there was a lengthy discussion regarding her request. It was felt by the Commission that valuable structural trim would be lost when the new siding is put on. Was suggested that this would also be the right time for Mrs. Waters to consider putting in insulation before new siding, if approved, was put on. Her big concern in making the house as maintenance free as possible when they retire soon. Wayne was able to give an adequate explanation of how the siding could be put on and moldings would not be covered.

The Commission felt it would be of benefit to make an on site visit to the Waters house. In removing one asbestos shingle it was found that it had been applied directly to the old clapboards, leaving very little space to put the new siding on and still retain the molding over the windows. Agreed that further study would be necessary.

New Business: Mrs. Water also submitted a certificate of appropriateness to change existing shingles from red to black. It was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9 P. M. Next meeting to be Aug. 16

Respectfully submitted

Guyola Shackelford, secretary.

Present: Steffie Siegmund, Richard Boast, Bob Gravley, Patience Bundschuh,,John Poor, Alan Bowers, Wayne Newton, G. Shackelford

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Aug. 29, 1984

Steffie Siegmund, chairperson, called meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. Minutes of meeting of July 30 were read and approved.

Old Business: It was noted that Kymalainens have put back the porch that had been removed. Since it was the same as the original porch it was agreed that no action was necessary. However, it was agreed that the realtor, Art Platt should be given the Historic District Commission pamphlet regarding the Historic District so that he would advise prospective buyers regarding certain regulations within the District. Steffie will contact his office also.

Re; Waters application for certificate of appropriateness to change the existing siding on their house. Lengthy discussion was held regarding the trim on the house once the siding is changed to vinyl. Wayne explained the asbestos siding and original clapboards would all be removed and vinyl siding put directly on to the sheathing boards which will then let the window trim project. The trims will be made of aluminium by Wayne, to exactly duplicate the existant trim. A suggestion was made to leave all trim as wood and periodically paint the wood trim only. Concern was expressed that the vinyl and aluminium trim may cause later rotting so in the future the house could not be restored back to the original wood siding. Suggested the photographs should be taken of all trim for future reference .

A public hearing will be held regarding the Waters application with either notices sent to the abutters or they be contacted personally. Notice will be posted at post office, for public hearing to be held at P. Newton library, Sept. 20 at 7 P.M.

New Business: Election of officers. Motion was made and unanimously passed to retain the current officers for another year. S. Siegmund, chairman; P. Bundschuh, vice- chairman, G. Shackelford, secretary.

The following schedule will be observed for attendance at selectman's meetings:

Oct: Alan Bowers	April. J. Poor
Nov. R. Boast	May. Tom Musco
Dec. W. Newton	June. W. Newton
Jan. S. Siegmund	July. G. Shackelford
Feb. A. Bowers	Aug. W. Kirkman
March. B. Gravley	Sept. P. Bundschuh

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Next meeting, Sept. 20th

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Newton, secretary

J. and M. Barclay submitted a certificate of appropriateness, to remove an outside stair on the Northeast end of their house, and the door, and replace with clapboards characteristic of the house. It was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30. Next meeting to be Sept. 20 at 7 P. M.

respectfully submitted,

Guyola Shackelford, secretary.

Present: John Poor, Bob Gravley, Waino Kirkman, Wayne Newton,
Alan Bowers, Richard Boast, Guyola Sjackelford

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
Sept. 20, 1984
P. Newton Library

In the absence of S. Soegmund, John Poor presided over the meeting. Minutes of the meeting of Aug. 29, 1984 were read and approved.

OLD Buisness: Mrs. Water certificate of appropriatness for vinyl siding was approved, with Bob Gravley and Richard Boast going on record as being opposed to it in the historical district.

Discussion was held regarding the porch on Kymalenians ^{house} porch and it was decided that the replacement had been satisfactorily completed.

It was decided that various ~~archaeological sites, bridges and old building~~ sites etc, would be discussed at the next meeting when there would be more members present.

New Business: John Kirkman, selectman, attended the meeting ~~to bring~~ to the members attention that there will be grants from the state for Parksand Commons programs, known as the Cities and Towns Progrzm. It was felt we should support the selectmen in applying for this grant. Several ideas were presented and it was felt that the one that would be of most benefit to the District would be to put all utilities underground and to upgrade the entire Common with new soil and more trees and other plantings. The deadline for application is Nov. 1, 1984.

A committee of two ^{Richard Wayne} was appointed with the understanding that S. Siegmund would appoint a third member to present ideas to the ~~selectmen~~ selectmen/

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Guyola Shackleford, Secretary.

Present: John Poor, Wayne Newton, Waino Kirkman, Alan Bowers,
Bob Gravley, Guyola Shackelford, Richard Boast

PUBLIC HEARING RE: MRS. WATER APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE
OF APPROPRIATNESS, SEPT. 20, 1984, 7 P.M.

In the absence of S. S egmund, chairperson, John Poor presided.

Mrs. Water's application to replace existing siding with vinyl siding was presented.

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. James Barclay was read in which they expressed their opposition to using vinyl siding; it could devalue the houses within the District, old houses are not adapted to this type of siding and they expressed concern that it would look like a cheaper version of the original siding. They were opposed to the use of it.

Bob Gravley wished it entered in the record that in various law suits in Mass. the historic districts had been supported in their objection to use of vinyl siding. He brought several brochures substantiating a stand against such siding and damage it can cause. The Secretary of the Interior also objects to use of vinyl siding in historic districts. Bob wished to go on record as being opposed to the use of this siding. Alan Bowers pointed out that the existing siding on the house is not original to it and that vinyl would at least carry out the original appearance.

Richard Boast expressed concern that there may be buckling on the aluminum trim if pieces are too long or wide. He was also concerned as to whether the trim could be duplicated exactly in aluminum. He suggested butting instead of lapping where two pieces meet, and to try and conceal nails at each end of the siding or aluminum trim. He wished the record to show that he was opposed to vinyl siding on the Water's house.

Mrs. Waters was asked if she had considered the negative aspects as well as the positive ones of this siding and she said she had and felt the positives outweighed the negative. She brought three *two* friends with her to the hearing.

As there was no opposition, the certificates of appropriateness was approved. Hearing closed at 7:15. *Bob Gravley voted against it.*

Respectfully submitted,

Guyola Shackelford, Secretary *gs*

Present: Patience Bundschuh, Wayne Newton, Richard Boast, Alan Bowers, Steffie Siegmund, Guyola Shackelford

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
Oct. 18, 1984

Meeting called to order at 7 P. M. by Steffie Siegmund, chairperson. Minutes of meeting and of public hearing of Sept. 20th were read and approved.

Old Business: The committee appointed at the Sept. 20 meeting regarding an application for the state parks and commons grant met with Alan Young. At this meeting it was suggested that various departments etc. within the town write letters of support for the application. On Oct. 15th the committee attended the selectmen's meeting regarding the grant application. There will be a public hearing Oct. 22, and members of the Commission are urged to attend.

Suggestions of what we felt would be desirable in applying for the grant included burying the utility lines as of first priority. Other suggestions were appropriate lighting on the Common and upgrading the Common I. E. landscaping etc.

It was pointed out that Kymalenians have painted their door a color other than the original one and that the shutters have also had a color change. They are installing window boxes too. It was agreed that a letter should be written explaining to them the they need to submit an application for a certificate of appropriateness.

Regarding the study of archaeology sites was postponed until there are more members in attendance. Steffie, in the meantime will contact the Ehrichs to find the best way to approach this study. They are both archaeologists.

Patience attended a conference in Boston and will put on file the literature and notes from that conference.

Meeting adjourned at 8.30

respectfully submitted,

Guyola Shackelford, secretary.

Present: Steffie Siegmund, John Poor, Alan Bowers, Waino Kirkman,
Wayne Newton, Tom Musco, Richard Boast, Patience Bundschuh,
Guyola Shackelford

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
Nov. 16, 1984

Meeting was called to order at 7 P. M. by Steffie Sigemund, Chairperson.
Minutes of ~~meeting of Oct. 18~~ were read and approved.

Old Business: Archaeological sites in the Royalston area were discussed
as this will be the next survey to be done. Burial
grounds, bridges, old dam sites, mill foundations,
cow passes, and beryl mines were discussed as some of
the things to be studied. Aerial photographs of Royalston
were taken recently and will be available to help
locate some of the archaeological sites.

New Business: The Don Stanton submitted a request for a certificate of
approval for a color change on their recently purchased
Paps home. They wish to change the color of the door
to red. Their house is a Federal style, in which case
red is not an acceptable color. Federal doors should
be natural color, or black. It was decided to have the
Stantons submit a paint chip if they still wish to have
a red door before the application can be acted upon.
Motion was made and approved the the application be
rejected and they should re-submit it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10. There will be no December
meeting, with next one to be Jan. 17, 1985 at 7 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Guyola Shackelford, secretary