

Minutes of 30 April 1985 Meeting

Meeting (called for 7:30) opened at 7:49. Absent were Guyola Shackelford, Steffie Siegmund, Alan Bowers and Karen Chenauski.

Since this meeting was called to consider a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness regarding the construction of a garage on their property by Barbara and Ronald Chenevert, we departed from normal procedure and addressed the Chenevert's request as the first order of business.

Immediate objections were raised by several members to the salt-box design of the proposed garage and the basis of the objections were explained to Mr. Chenevert. In sum, no salt-box structure is currently extant within the District nor was there ever such a structure so far as it is known. All garages and/or sheds within the District are symmetrical rectangular structures and only such design will be entertained by the Commission. In view of all this, Mr. Chenevert withdrew his request then and there and will submit another request for a garage that would meet our criteria for appropriateness. A meeting date was set for Tuesday, 7 May at 7:30 p.m. to consider the Chenevert's new request.

It also developed that the Cheneverts plan to put up a new fence around their swimming pool, at the very least. It was decided this should be the subject of its own request because it's less urgent and research will be required on appropriate fence styling which will meet the security requirements.

Old Business

Wayne Newton has committed himself to installing the Waters' vinyl siding et al about mid-May.

Karen Chenauski's nomination as alternate member was made by me to the Board of Selectmen on 1 April and was accepted on the spot. She was notified of this at the same time she was asked to attend this meeting. She has had no written notification from the Selectmen yet, however.

All Commission-sponsored articles are included in the upcoming Annual Town Meeting's warrant.

Richard Boast inquired into the long existing six-member quorum requirement which was then discussed at length as to rationale, need, compliance with the by-laws, etc. All present were asked to give thought to the matter in respect to sticking with the present quorum or reducing it to only 4 of the regular members vs. 6 regular and/or alternates.

New Business

All new business was confined to the Cheneverts request regarding the new garage and replacement of the old swimming pool fence.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

John L. Poor

Minutes of Meeting - 21 March 1985

Meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m., a quorum finally having been achieved at that time. (Tom Musco and Guyola Shackelford absent)

The minutes of the prior (January) meeting were read and approved. (No official February meeting was held due to lack of a quorum).

Old Business. An after-the-fact request for a certificate of appropriateness was received from Lynda Kymaleinan to change the colors of her shutters and front door. The painting was actually done late summer or early fall last year. The request was approved 6 in favor and 1 abstention (mine). No penalty was deemed appropriate for this violation of the Historic District By-laws.

New Business

A letter of resignation from Bob Gravley was received and accepted.

Patience Bundschuh was designated to become a regular member (vs. alternate) to fill Gravley's slot.

A potential replacement to fill the new vacancy (alternate member) was considered and will be approached by the Chairman

The need of establishing the legal meets and bounds of the Common was addressed. It was voted to submit a town meeting article to provide \$2,500 to have the Common surveyed, after the tax maps have been completed. Wayne Newton volunteered to attempt to have the article accepted for the upcoming warrant.

Articles already sponsored by the Commission for the next town meeting seek \$5,000 for painting/repairs to the front of the town hall; \$1,000 for a Common tree replacement fund; and \$1,000 for removing/replacing the green highway signs now located on the Common. The urgency of town hall upgrading was discussed and generally concurred in. (The roof situation is still not resolved.)

It was agreed to schedule the next meeting for 25 April instead of 18 April due to the planned absences of both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

John L. Poor
(in absence of the Secretary)

7 May 1985

Meeting convened at 7:35 p.m. Members not attending were Alan Bowers, Tom Musco and Guyola Shackelford.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted.

Old Business

A request for a Certificate of Appropriateness was received from Ronald Chenevert for a new 2-car garage to which #2-85 was assigned. Drawings to scale of the north, west and south elevations were attached. Certain minor aesthetic changes were recommended by Architect Boast, were accepted by Mr. Chenevert and were annotated on the drawings. The application was then approved unanimously. The amended drawings were loaned to Mr. Chenevert so additional copies could be reproduced.

Patience Bundschuh reported that she had called the Mass. Historic Commission to obtain reference sources and/or guidance relating to period fencing and was advised she would hear from them later on the subject.

Our town meeting articles were discussed relating to which members would speak to them from the floor at Town Meeting. It was finally left to Wayne Newton and the undersigned to see to their sponsorship.

Relating to the Town Meeting article for painting and repairing the front side of the Town Hall, the question of returning to the original colors (vs. white with green trim) was raised. It was considered worthy of serious thought despite the break with the current color code (all white buildings) and will be dealt with further in the near future. Local research can ascertain what the original colors were, it was felt.

The procedural matter of the quorum of six regular/alternate members was again discussed and it was decided that it seemed wise to continue with that requirement, primarily to achieve greater attendance and participation from all commission members, regular and alternate.

It was agreed that there would be no regularly scheduled meeting during May and that all future meetings would convene at 7:30 p.m.

John L. Poor

28 May 1985

Meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. Members not attending were: Alan Bowers, Guyola Shackelford, Richard Boast

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

New Business. A request for a Certificate of Appropriateness (assigned #3-85) was presented by Mr. Steve Savoy requesting approval to erect a cedar split-rail fence along his north boundary line. All commission members present went to look at a section of the proposed fence in situ and upon return approved the request unanimously.

Old Business

Ronald Chenevert requested concurrence with a change of roof pitch from 8" per ft. to 9" per ft. for the garage approved under Certificate of Appropriateness #2-85. Concurrence was granted, particularly since such change had been suggested by Richard Boast when the garage plans were originally presented. The original garage elevation sketches were also returned to the Commission by Chenevert at this time.

Regarding the Commission-sponsored town meeting articles that were approved, it was generally agreed that the Commission must seek, through direct action on its part principally, to have the intent of these articles carried out. Offers of assistance to the Selectmen, writing letters in their behalf, etc., were discussed.

John Poor agreed to attempt a draft letter to the Mass. Dept. of Public Works regarding removing/replacing the green highway signs on the Common. He also would draft a letter to the Selectmen expressing the Commission's willingness to take the lead on the tree replacement endeavor, or to assist the Tree Warden, if they so prefer.

It was decided that the Commission as a body should view the Town Hall and draw up a list of things to be done under the heading of painting and rehabbing and under what priority, the results to be submitted to the Selectmen for their guidance. In this connection, only Wayne Newton and John Poor expressed any real interest in seeing the Town Hall painted as it was originally so that matter was dropped from further consideration.

Patience Bundschuh reported that the Mass. Historic Commission had not been especially helpful in providing specific source references regarding period fencing, suggesting we check library sources ourselves.

(Let the record show that Wayne Newton had not appeared in time to vote on the Savoy fence.)

Date and time for the next regular meeting was set for Thursday, 20 June to convene in front of the Town Hall at 7:00 vs. 7:30.

John L. Poor

The Historic District Commission met on Thursday, June 20, 1985 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. Members present were: Allen Bowers, Stephanie Siegmund, Waino Kirkman, John Poor, Patience Bundschuh, and Richard Boast. The front facade of the Town Hall was inspected by those present. Members felt that when the Town Hall is painted that priority should be given to scraping and then painting the front facade and the cupola and that any needed carpentry repair-work should also be done at this time.

The membership then proceeded to the library where the regularly scheduled meeting was opened at 7:30PM by Stephanie Siegmund, Chairman. Members present as above with Tom Musco replacing John Poor so that a quorum was achieved.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Ron Chenevert submitted a sketch of a fence to be built between his house and new garage which also will protect access to his swimming pool. It was moved and seconded to approve the fence with the following changes: that the center board in the design be changed to 1"x8" so that all boards will match ^{and that posts will be 5 1/2" square} FB. The finials on the fence are to be treated separately because Ron may wish to try to locate urns to replace the balls that are shown on the drawing submitted. It was agreed that urns would be appropriate as they are already present on the common in existing fences at the Bastille and the Bundschuhs for example. Ron will submit the design of the finial separately and these will be added to the fence subject to approval by the HDC.

An application was received from the Donald Stantons to change the color of the summer house/gazebo on their property from the existing brown stain to white including the porch and all trim. Also to change the color of the shutters on the main house from the existing grey to black and to change the color of the two front doors on the main house to red. (as in the red door of the Cardin house off Rt. 68) It was felt that the Stantons should submit a sample of the "red" intended for the front door before the commission could act on this application.

It was moved and seconded to ask the Stantons to re-submit the application at the next meeting and include a paint color chip for the front door.

A letter drafted by John Poor to the Board of Selectmen regarding the implementation of the \$1000. tree replacement fund was submitted . The letter suggests that the HDC be given the authority by the Selectmen to implement tree planting this fall. HDC would seek the advice & assistance of the tree warden regarding tree species and location of new trees. The letter also suggests an alternate option where-by the Tree Warden be given the primary responsibility for the tree replacement program and that the HDC would work with him. It is hoped that resonse to this letter will activate the tree replacement program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11PM.

respectfully submitted,

Petera Bundschuh

(acting secretary) *af.*

Present: John Poor, Steffie Siegmund, Patience Bundschuh, Tom Musco,
Alan Bowers, Waino Kirkman, G. Shackelford

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
Aug. 7, 1985

Meeting called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Steffie Sigemund.

New Business: *re-elected* Nomination of officers: the current officers were all
re-instated. Steffie Siggmund, chairman, Patience
Bundschuh, vice-chairman, and Guyola Shackelford, secretary.

Old Business: Wayne Newton was to present HDC feelings regarding the
painting of town hall. ~~He~~ He was not present at this
meeting to tell the Commission what the selectmen's
feelings were. \$5,000 has been approved by the select-
men to re-habilitate the town hall. The Commission will
direct a letter to the selectmen with following recommendation
1.. Scrape paint to bare wood on front facade of hall.
2. Replace all deteriorated wood and keep all detail as
the original.
3. Replace window sashes as necessary.

It was noted that the Stantons have not submitted paint
chips yet for HDC approval, and that work is now being
done on their house. No action has been taken by the
HDC as it is understood the Stantons may change their
certificate of appropriatness. Alan moved that we grant
a certificate of appropriatness in all respects except
the red doors which are disapproved because paint chips
have not been submitted for our approval. Motion was
seconded and carried.

The new owners of the Kymalenian house, the Dyers, wish
to have the porch completed by Wayne Newton as per the
certificate of appropriatness issued to Kymalenians.
The HDC opinion was that the certificate was issued for
the house regardless of who now owned it. It was agreed
that they can finish the porch and delete the section
connecting porch to barn.

New Business: L. Shackelford applied for certificate of appropriatness
to install garage door opener on barn door and to then
continue the clap boards to match those existing on the
barn. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjouened at 8:50; next meeting Sept. 19th.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Shackelford, secretary *gs.*

Present: J. Poor, A. Bowers, W. Kirkman, W. Newton P. Bundschuh,
G. Shackelford, *May A.*

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
Sept. 19, 1985

In the absence of S. Siegmund, chairperson, P. Bundschuh called the meeting to order at 7:35. Minutes were read and approved with a correction .

Old Bus: Steffie Siegmund was to have written a letter regarding the green road signs, but its not known if it was written as she was absent from this meeting. Also a letter was to be written about town hall work but it is not known if the letter has been written or that it has been presented at a selectmen's meeting It was suggested that a verbal presentation should be made by a Commission representative at the Sept. 23 meeting.

New Bus: An attendance list was made up for the following year and the assignments were as follows:

Oct.	J. Poor	March.	W. Kirkman
Nov.	J. Poor <i>Alan Bowers</i>	April	T. Museo <i>Steffie John</i>
Dec.	P. Bundschuh	May	G. Shackelford
Jan	A. Angelenos <i>Andreas</i>	June	S. Siegmund <i>John</i>
Feb.	W. ewton		<i>Steffie</i> <i>Steffie</i>

The secretary will notify the person responsible when it is their turn to attend the meetings. Therefore, J. Poor is now notified that the Nov. meetings are his responsibility.

New Bus: It has been noted that some members seldom appear at the HDC meetings and was felt that they should be asked to resign in order to appoint others that would be more interested in the HDC. Karen Chenousky has not attended 4 consecetlve meetings and it was felt she should be asked to resing.

The HDC secretary also suggested that in the future she did not feel each member should be called to advise them of every meeting since they are held at same time every month. It was agreed that the secretary should not longer be responsible in notifying each member and that the member should advise the secretary by Tues. of the meeting week if they could not attend.

New Bus. Harold Newton, tree warden for Royalston attended the meeting to discuss the types and location of trees that are to be planted on the Common. \$1000 has been set aside for planting trees on the Common. It was felt it should be a joint effort by the tree warden and HDC. Harold felt there was very little space to put many trees, John suggested replacing trees in the triangle of the road to S. Royalston, and that several trees are not growing well and should be replaced. The trees should be planted in Oct. or Nov. Approximately 10 spaces exist on the Common where trees could be placed. Syggested that Harold and John walk the Common to determine where the trees should be placed and to inspect the trees. Many trees were suggested and it was decided a variety should be selected with Harold favoring rock maple as being a very durable tree. It was agreed

that by the next meeting john and Harold will have decided on the placement and types of trees and have the cost figured.

Metting adjourned at 9:00; next meeting Oct. 17th.

Respectfully submitted, *g.s.*

G. Shackelford, secretary

Present: Wayne Newton, Alan Bowers, Andy Andrelumas, John Poor, Steffie Siegmund, G. Shackelford

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
Oct. 17, 1985

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by chairperson, Steffie Sigemund.

Old Bus. Re: Town Hall renovation, it was agreed that the letter should be held up until about March 1986 since work seems to be set aside until spring.

Re: Road signs. A letter from the state says the road signs are as they stipulate and they probably can't be changed without more study. It was agreed that Steffie will call the DPW office in Boston and ask who the local representative is so he may be contacted to make an on site observation.

Trees: Harold Newton and John Poor walked the Common and found many areas to replace trees. Most trees will be sugar maples, 4 sugar maples, 2 green mt. maples of approx 1½ to 2" diameter at \$37.50 each have been set aside at Knoels nursery. The chestnut tree blown down in recent hurricane will be replaced later. Wayne volunteered to prepare holes for the trees and John and Lynn Shackelford will plant them.

It was noted that Stantons door on the former Paps house has been painted but HDC was not notified of the color as per agreement. No application was submitted. Steffie will send application form and letter asking to have it re-submitted.

Discussion was held on requesting the resignation of Karen Chenauskis as she has not attended meetings.

New Bus. Discussion was held regarding the application forms for certificate of appropriateness with the idea that they could possibly be changed. John Poor will study the forms and recommend any changes if necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Next meeting ^{Nov.} Oct. 21, 1985

Respectfully submitted, *gs*

Guyola Shackelford, secretary

Present: John Poor, Andy Andrelumas, Alan Bowers, Wayne Newton,
Steffie Sigemund, Waino Kirkman, Patience Bundschuh,
Karen Chenausky, Guyola Shackelford

Historic Distric Commission Meeting
Oct. 31, 1985

A special meeting was called to discuss applying for a grant funded by Mass. Preservation Project Funds. Steffie Siegmund chairing.

After a brief discussion it was felt that there would be too many restrictions and that it was same grant that had been discussed several years ago at which time it was felt Royalston would not qualify.

It was felt that there was a possibility this grant could be used for improvements on the Town Hall, but in the event we did apply and could qualify it would further delay the much needed town hall roof for which town funds have been appropriated.

It was moved and seconded that we not apply for the grant. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Guyola Shackelford, secretary

Present: Alan Bowers, Steffie Siegmund, Patience Bundschuh, John Poor
Andy Andrelunas, Waino Kirkman, Guyola Shackelford

Historic District Commission Meeting
Nov. 21, 1985

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Steffie Siegmund.

Old Bus: John discussed the tree planting on the Common that has recently been completed as far as weather permitted. 9 trees were planted with John donating 2 ash and a sugar maple. It was noted that there is still a space in the triangle to be filled. *Horse chestnut* American chestnut was discussed for this area but it would be approximately \$150, due to the large size of the tree. It was agreed to put a horse chestnut in the triangle when the weather permits, a less expensive tree. With the planting of this John felt it would complete the tree planting project.

Re: Stanton door color on their house. A letter was delivered by John and there has been no response yet from them.

Re: Road signs. Steffie still has not been able to contact the right person in Boston regarding the signs.

New Bus: Improvement of the certificate of appropriateness. Alan submitted a simpler version of the existing form. A discussion was held but no decision reached.

It was noted that Cheneverts have not finished the painting of their garage. If its not completed by spring they will be asked to finish it.

Motion made and carried that Dec. meeting will only be called by the chairman if there is a need for it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

Respectfully submitted,

Guyola Shackelford, secretary.
gs