

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 19th, 2013

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

Peter opened the meeting at 7:32

Minutes:

The members read the minutes from the August 19 meeting. Some corrections were made. Celt made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor.

The members then read the minutes of the special meeting of Aug 22. Celt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor.

New Application

Kevin McGuirk has sent a new application for the roof at 2 Warwick Rd. The idea of using artificial slates is now abandoned. The new request is for architectural asphalt shingles identical to those already installed on the rear addition, replacing three tab shingles..

Because he thought this is a totally non-controversial application, Pierre made a motion to accept it for consideration without requiring a public hearing. Celt seconded. All voted in favor except Bob who recused himself as an abutter. Application 2013-09-1

Internal HDC matters

Boundary signs: The commission decided to attach the signs to the poles using galvanized brackets provided by Peter. Celt will reinforce the back of the signs. Rick will get KDAT posts, which need to be painted. Pierre will ask Andy if we could paint the posts in his shed.

Information board about the Common: Clarence reported that Erik Duffin has abandoned his project to construct an information board for the Common. The Boy Scout leadership did not approve of the idea.

Common renovation: Clarence reported that the plan to install a fence around the central U had been replaced by installing a curbstone. That was welcome by the commission. The issue of the electrical lines above the common is being discussed with Verizon and National Grid.

Historic District brochure: Peter pointed out that we need brochures to give to buyers of the many houses that are for sale near the Common. Pierre said that the work of digitizing the brochure is well advanced and that he would send the current version before the end of the month.

Planting around the Verizon equipment near the fire station: Pierre reported that he had discussed the situation with a Verizon repairman. Apparently the local organization is not equipped to perform such work. The best option is to write to a vice president based in Boston, with a cc to the Selectboard. Pierre will follow up.

HDC Elections: Peter reminded the group that we had to organize our annual elections. Celt asked if the current officials were willing to continue. Receiving a positive answer he made a motion to reelect the current slate. Bob seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

11 Northeast Fitzwilliam Rd: We have not heard from Jim Barclay today. The idea to involve the Selectboard will be revived. Peter and Pierre will follow up.

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Meeting adjourned

Bob made a motion to close the meeting. Rick seconded. It was unanimously approved. Peter closed the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Pierre A. Humblet,
Secretary