

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
JANUARY, 1992 MINUTES

Attendees: Wayne Newton, John Poor, Alan Bowers, Steffie Siegmund, Lorraine Casinghino, Patience Bundschuh Rick Carrier

The January 1992 meeting of the Royalston Historic District Commission began at 7:00 at the Town Hall.

Old Business:

Mrs. Stanton received the letter dated January 8, and found out that there is a state law requiring fencing around a pool, but the local option does not. Rick Carrier found out that most insurance companies will not write a homeowners policy for pools without fencing. A motion was made to table the issue until a new application was received. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Stanton was not pleased with our request for removal of the outside brass doorknobs on the new addition. Mrs. Stanton seemed to sidestep the issue when comments were made about the knobs being unnecessary. She felt that this issue should be discussed at a later date. Commission members felt that new applications should not be considered until this violation was corrected.

The completed Langloise application will be submitted at the February meeting.

No photo could be located of the Rix property, thereby no decision could be reached regarding the changes made to the chimney.

New Business:

- * The annual election was held, with a motion being made to re-elect the same officers. The motion was unanimously approved with Rick Carrier being re-elected Chairman, Peter Kraniak Vice Chairman and Lorraine Casinghino Secretary.

The top rail molding of Catherine Cole's new fence is similar, but not identical to moldings already existing on the fence. Lorraine Casinghino agreed to contact Mrs. Cole with this information.

An application was received from the Fishers for an 11 x 14 porch on the north rear side of the house. A very poor drawing was submitted with the application. It was noticed that the porch extends outward 14' but is only 11' long. This appeared unbalanced and not complementary to the lines and the flow of the

* should have been in August

house. It was felt that the new porch should tie in, in style, to the front porch. Also, the porch seems to protrude from the side of the house, and should extend completely to the end of the house. A door was requested, going into the house, but no details were submitted. Because of the visibility, it was felt that a public hearing be held regarding this matter. A motion was made to request a more detailed drawing be submitted.

Also included on the application was a request to demolish the milk house located at the front of the barn. The application implied that this was a concession they would make for the approval of the porch. It was felt that this should be submitted on a separate application.

97 John Poor stated that the Commission had no jurisdiction over freestanding structures. However, it was found in the definitions section of the bylaws that this is not the case.

Some members felt that Dwight Stowell changed the color of his shutters, without approval. John Poor agreed to send him an application for approval after the fact.

Mrs. Stanton once again requested to become a member of the Commission. Since the Selectmen consider applicants upon the recommendation of the Commission, it was felt that approval of Mrs. Stanton would not be in the best interest of the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

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ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
FEBRUARY, 1992 MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Lorraine Casinghino, Peter Kraniak, Alan Bowers,
Patience Bundschuh, George Kraniak, Rick Carrier,
John Poor, Steffie Siegmund, John Poor

The February 1992 meeting of the Royalston Historic District Commission began at 7:00 at the town hall.

Old Business - A photo was found of the Rix property, but it did not give a clear view of the chimney in question. Application paperwork will be drawn up after the fact and given to the Rix for their signature.

The brass doorknobs on the Stanton residence have not yet been removed.

Dwight Stowell received the application sent to him by the Commission regarding the black to green shutter color change. Dr. Stowell stated that the shutter color had not been changed and offered to show the commission examples of the original shutters which are still in his garage. The commission felt that factually we could not do anything, because we have no photographic proof, but notice had been served that we were being "observant". John Poor, Wayne Newton and Patience Bundschuh feel strongly however, that the color had been changed.

The Langloise application has been signed and submitted after the fact.

The greatest extent of Mrs. Cole's fence has been copied, but does not agree with the remainder of the fence, but it was realized that several styles were used over time on the fence. The commission agreed to drop the issue.

John Poor continues that the Commission has no jurisdiction over the demolition of structures. Other members took exception to this and cited the Bylaw wording in refuting his position. Demolition is provided for, however, as the subject for an application.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jean Stanton submitted an application for a 40 x 20 pool, lined, gunnite with grey mix. There will be no diving board. Steps will be located inside the pool at the deep end, with a small railing above. The pump will be located inside the garden fence, and is shorter than the top of the fence. The grading will be built up slightly, approx. 1'. There will be no outdoor lighting, however, the side of the pool closest to the house will have underwater lights inside the pool. There will be bluestone

around the pool and a 20'x 40' bluestone patio area on the side closest to the house.

Local mandate requires no fencing, therefore, the application for fencing that was also submitted was withdrawn. Plantings and shrubbery will be placed along 2 sides of the pool for privacy and further concealment.

Mrs. Stanton will be looking into the placement of the filter and pump inside the well house, and possibly moving the well house.

Application 1-92 was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Stanton agreed to replace the brass knobs by March 15.

New Business:

Wayne Newton submitted an application for the Fischers for a porch. The new application calls for a 16'10 structure beginning 3' from the end of the house, outside the kitchen door. The majority of commission members felt that this was still unacceptable, and felt that the Fishers should explore other solutions via an architect who could design the porch to be more compatible with the architecture of the house.

A motion was made to reject the porch application, 5 in favor (John Poor, Steffie Siegmund, Rick Carrier, Peter Kraniak and Lorraine Casinghino) and 2 opposed (Alan Bowers, Patience Bundschun).

It was noted that the fence at the McClure residence has been installed with finials, which were not on the original application. John Poor agreed to ~~resubmit~~ ^{get} the application *resubmitted*

The meeting adjourned at 9:30

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Casinghino
Secretary

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ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MARCH 19, 1992 MINUTES

The meeting convened at 7:05, Peter Kraniak acting Chairman in the absence of Rick Carrier. Others present were Wayne Newton, Stephie Siegmund, Patience Bundschuh, George Krasowski, Allan Bowers and John Poor, acting Secretary. No minutes of the last meeting were available to be read.

Old Business:

- 1) Patience Bundschuh presented a "late" application, which she obtained by personal contact with Marci Rix, pertaining to the new chimney on the ell of the Rix residence on Frye Hill. Said chimney accommodates two flues versus the single flue in the old chimney. It is also two courses of bricks higher. Members Newton and Poor were thus vindicated in their insistence that the replacement chimney did not duplicate the old one. A pro forma approval was voted. Certificate number 3-92 was assigned.
- 2) Member Poor reported that the Stanton's brass doorknobs have yet to be removed, one month after Mrs. Stanton was directed to do so at the last meeting.
- 3) The matter of the Stowell's unapproved shutter color change is still outstanding. Member Poor advised that he had drafted a proposed letter to the Stowell's and had sent it to Chairman Carrier not long after the last meeting.
- 4) On behalf of the McClure's, member Poor presented an application requesting approval for the use of fence posts with finials instead of plain posts for the fence previously approved by the Commission. The application was unanimously approved with Poor abstaining and Certificate number 4-92 was assigned.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher attended the meeting and presented an application for a screenporch they wished to adjoin to the East end of the north side of the house to project out from the plane of the north wall twelve feet. The application was considered incomplete in several respects but as a courtesy to the Fishers the Commission agreed to discuss the matter on a conceptual basis.

Mr. Fisher insists the new porch must protrude out from the house in order to catch the prevailing summer wind. This is a major sticking point. Mr. Fisher asked for a "straw vote" to help him decide whether to proceed in their attempts, including setting up a public hearing. Four members, including the two alternates, indicated they would favor a properly completed

application. Kraniak and Poor said they would not. Bowers was no longer present at this point.

May 21st was decided upon as the public hearing date. The Fishers were advised how to proceed and who within the Historic District had to be notified in writing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Casinghino
Secretary
(Taken from notes submitted by John Poor)

JMB

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
APRIL 1992 MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Rick Carrier, John Poor, Lorraine Casinghino,
Steffie Siegmund, Alan Bowers, Wayne Newton,
George Krasowski, Patience Bundschuh

The April 1992 meeting of the Royalston Historic District Commission began at 7:00 at the town hall. The first order of business was the Fisher porch. A ~~town meeting~~ ^{public hearing} will be set up for May and abutters will be notified and a public hearing notice posted by the commission.

There was some sense that the Fishers may have been mislead into believing the porch was favored by the commission because of the 2 votes in favor cast by alternates at the March meeting. It was felt however that a public hearing would give the commission the opportunity to hear both sides of the issue. The general consensus however was that plan B was favored, which placed the porch next to the shed area.

Some rationale for objecting included -

The front porch could be screened in.

The North wall would be degraded by a porch and visible to residences and 3 roads merging near it.

It is not structurally compatible with the front porch, or any other porch on the common.

Some issue was raised as to the amount of grading which would need to be done to the front of the porch.

The commission felt that we should not offer plan B as an alternative, but should consider each application individually.

New BUSINESS

1. An application was received from the Stanton's requesting to move and reconstruct the well house 60' to the east, away from the house, for the purpose of housing the pump equipment for the pool. The requested the removal of the windows, however.

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The commission felt that it would probably be more feasible to just put up a new structure, but some members felt the windows should remain, to keep the structure from looking too boxy. The issue was tabled until members could see the current structure.

2. The Town hall building committee requested to put gutters on the front south wall from the southeast running west for 20' to cover the ramp and the door. The commission has no jurisdiction over gutters, but appreciated the information.
3. The Cabones ~~property~~ requested a sense of how the commission felt about the removal of the house on their property. The commission felt that demolition was the proper topic of an application and agreed to consider it if submitted.

4. The Fisher's submitted an application to remove ^{and replace} the modern doorway and hood on the south side with a window matching the one next to it. The application 5-92 was unanimously approved.

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The Fisher's also submitted an application to reshingle the barn roof with a frost blend color. Black is currently on the house, but Wayne Newton felt that some time down the road, the house may be changed to match the new barn color. No sample was available, and the commission was uneasy about approval, recalling the Kelley issue. However, application 6-92 was approved, all in favor, with John Poor opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Stanton's have replaced the hardware on their addition and have painted the brass plates white.

It was agreed that the issue of the Stowell's shutters could not be resolved due to lack of proof that the color had been changed.

(3 commission members are convinced the color was changed - Newton, Poor, Band salub.)

The meeting adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully submitted
Lorraine Casinghino
Secretary

MAY 1992 PUBLIC HEARING
ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

ATTENDEES: Rick Carrier, Lorraine Casinghino, George
Krasowski, Patience Bundschuh, John Poor, Peter
Kraniak, Lorraine Casinghino, Wayne Newton

A public hearing was held on May 21, 1992 at the Royalston Town Hall to discuss the application submitted by the Fishers for their screen porch.

The Fishers once again submitted an application to consider the screen porch as described in previous several month's minutes. The same concerns were raised by the commission. Plan "B" showing the porch flush against the house was not an alternative.

Several residents of the Historic District were present and generally felt that the concept of a porch was acceptable, but had differing views as to the location.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 with the regular Historic District Commission meeting immediately following.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Casinghino
Secretary

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MAY, 1992 MINUTES

Attendees: Rick Carrier, Lorraine Casinghino, George Krasowski, Patience Bundschuh, John Poor, Peter Kraniak, Lorraine Casinghino, Wayne Newton

The May 21, 1992 meeting of the Royalston Historic District Commission began at 7:45, immediately following the Public hearing.

Once again the semi-annual quorum confusion was discussed and reiterated that it takes a quorum of 5 to hold a meeting and currently there are 7 regular members and 2 alternates.

Old Business -

1. The Stanton's well house application called for No windows, clapboards vs. shingles and white paint.

John Poor expressed that he felt the well house should remain natural, as was the previous structure, until such time that suitable plantings are in place to make the structure less noticeable.

The commission felt that the windows should remain and would also help conserve the building from possible deterioration due to inadequate air flow.

John Poor made a motion to approve the application, with windows and the siding remaining unpainted. The motion was not seconded.

More discussion was raised regarding color and Patience Bundschuh made a motion to approve the application with windows remaining, and the structure painted white.

Application 7-92 was approved with 6 in favor and 1^(John Poor) opposed.

2. The Stowell shutter issue was raised once again and the issue of proof via photographs was brought up. A motion was made to drop the Stowell issue and all were in favor. NOT JOHN POOR!

New Business:

1. The Fishers submitted the application for a screen porch discussed in previous minutes. The Fishers asked for the commissions help to make the structure architecturally compatible, via posts, trim, etc.

The Fishers compared the porch to the Nash's back porch. They wanted to know if the structure should emulate Greek revival, in keeping with the style of the house, or victorian to emulate the

front porch. Should the front porch be moved to the side, or wrap around and continue.

The exposure and protrusion issue was once again raised by the Commission as the single most important issue and an architects opinion was suggested. This porch sets a precedent in that no others like it have been submitted.

An old drawing was discovered showing the roof line running with the existing roof, but still jutting out 14' to the east and 16' to the north to accommodate the Fisher's desire for cross ventilation. The commission felt that this plan was more acceptable. The Fisher's requested a special meeting to allow another application to be drawn up and considered without waiting another month. The commission agreed to meet the following Tuesday, May 26 at 4:00. The Fishers agreed to stake out the area showing the proposed location.

A motion was made to approve the spirit of the application as shown on mylar drawing #4 dated 5/21 with more specifics and detailed information to be provided later. All were in favor.

2. Maxine Wilcox inquired as to the Commissions feeling on changing her garage/barn door to accomodate a garage door opener. The commission felt that 2 doors were more desirable than 1 with windows as is the existing door, with hardware similar to the existing door.

3. The Cemetary Commission requested to put a large stone at the entrance of the Center cemetary and cut into the stone the name of the cemetary. This was requested due to vandalizing of existing signs. John Poor felt that the cemetary was not within the boundaries of the historic district. The issue was put on hold until the boundaries are checked.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Casinghino
Secretary

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 26

ATTENDEES: Rick Carrier, Lorraine Casinghino, Alan Bowers,
Peter Kraniak, Steffie Siegmund, Patience
Bundschuh, Wayne Newton

OLD

1. The Fishers submitted an application for the new screen porch with ridge parallel to that of the house extending 8' north and 14' east. Two corner greek revival style pillars will be used and painted white. All screen and lattice to be painted green. Application 8-92 was approved unanimously.
2. Bob Clement submitted an application for the installation of a 800-1000 lb boulder etched with 4-4.5" letters "Olde Center". The original map filed by with the Mass HDC shows the cemetery and its building in the historic district. Application 9-92 was approved unanimously.
- New*
1. The Swindell's submitted an after the fact application for approval of their front door which has been repainted to black to match the shutters. Application 10-92 was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Casinghino
Secretary

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
JUNE, 1992 MINUTES

Attendees: Alan Bowers, Lorraine Casinghino, Steffie Siegmund, George Krasowski, Peter Kraniak, Rick Carrier, Wayne Newton

The June, 1992 meeting of the Royalston Historic district Commission began at 7:00 at the town hall.

Old business -

1 The Stanton's fence posts have yet to be painted white and this should be brought to their attention.

2 The ramp will be coming off Millie French's house as soon as the contractor is available.

3 Gutters above the town hall ramp are no longer a feasible option and will not be installed.

New Business -

1 The Casinghino's submitted an application for completion of their side porch. Work to include installation of a wainscotted ceiling, newell posts and brackets and enclosing the header beam. A sample was brought of 1 old bracket as well as a new bracket of similar style. Some members felt that the old bracket could be easily milled at a reasonable cost, thereby keeping a feature that was original to the house. The Casinghino's favored the new brackets but would like the option to use either. Certificate 11-92 was approved with 5 in favor and 1 opposed with Lorraine Casinghino abstaining. WHO?

2 The Chaison's submitted an application to replace the board and batton part of their barn with horizontal clapboards. The commission felt that the feature was definately original to the structure and is in keeping with the style of several other old barns in the area. A movement was made to deny the application and the vote was unanimous. Certificate 12-92 was rejected.

3 The Stanton's have put up a granite post next to their barn leading into the back yard. Wayne Newton informed the commission that this was done because of an underground propane tank that was installed to heat the pool and the posts prevent anyone from driving over the tank. Law requires that the tank be protected in some manner. He agreed that this should have been brought to the commission's attention and will submit an application after the fact.

Certificate numbers are only assigned to approved applications.

3. The Swindell's have installed a wire mesh chicken enclosure behind their garage facing the common. Members were instructed to take a look at it. Some members felt that it was not worth mentioning.

4. Charlie Fisher will be writing a letter to request a color change on the lattice work. *terrible, dangerous*

5. The commission felt that a letter should be written to the Selectmen expressing concern over the condition of ~~the barn at~~ *late* Harold Newton's barn, requesting the Selectmen notify the Building Inspector and the Board of Health to take action. Peter Kraniak agreed to draw up the letter.

6. Lorraine Casinghino agreed to send a letter to ~~Nancy Newton~~ *the Selectmen* with the list of members up for re-approval in 1992.

Attendees: John Poor, Alan Bowers, Lorraine Casinghino,
Peter Kraniak, George Krasowski

The July meeting of the Royalston Historic District Commission began at 7:00 at the town hall.

Old business:

- 1 The Stanton's pool appears to be more noticable than anticipated because of the color. The original application was checked and the color indicated "grey mix". It was decided that the commission should take note of the color, but that no action should be taken.
- 2 It was mentioned that all applications denied by the Commission should be filed with the town clerk.
- 3 The Stanton's fence posts have still not been painted white although some activity was seen shortly after the last meeting.
- 4 The Fishers porch appears to be of a two tone color while viewed from the corner of Rt. 68. This is due to the interior trim, which has not yet been painted. The pitch of the roof seems to be shallower than the main house. Drawings were checked and this was the case as well although the application does not indicate the degree of the pitch of the roof. The porch steps are granite, which was not approved in the original application. Lorraine Casinghino agreed to call Mr. Fisher and ask him if he would like to submit an ammendment covering the change. (13-92)

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1 There was some mention of a possible change to the fan over the Swindell's door. Alan remembers it as being black and possibly it is more noticeable because of the change in the door color.
- 2 A letter has been drafted by Peter Kraniak and will be sent to the Selectmen regarding the Carboni and Newton properties.
- 3 A letter will be sent to ^{The Board of Selectmen} Nancy Newton requesting reappointment of Commission members whose term has expired.
- O.B.5 The Stanton's well house has been completed, but has not yet been painted.

~~Adj 8:00 pm~~

~~Resp. Sub~~

~~Lorraine Casinghino~~

New Business:

4. An application was received from the Historical Society for ~~(B-72)~~ replacement of the side door. The application requested a solid steel paneled door to replace the wooden door with windows. No windows were requested for security reasons. Steel was requested to prevent rot due to water splashing from the landing onto the door. Some members felt that this would be setting a precedent to allow a steel door on a public building and that we could no longer refuse this type of door being used on any building in the historic district. It was agreed that this application be placed on hold until the commission has a chance to view the door at the Historical Society.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted

Lorraine Casinghino
Secretary

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
August 1992 Minutes

Time?

Attendees: Rick Carrier, Lorraine Casinghino, Steffie Siegmund, Alan Bowers, Peter Kraniak, Patience Bundschuh,

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~~NEW~~ Business:

1. ROUND, SHINY METAL CHIMNEY (VENT PIPE)
A ~~vent pipe~~ has appeared on the Stanton's well house. Bob Yantiss told Rick Carrier that it had to be vented via code, so it was assumed we had no jurisdiction. Peter Kraniak thought it may be vented to the side and agreed to look into the matter. THIS IS AN UNAUTHORIZED ALTERATION AND THUS A BYLAW VIOLATION.
2. A wooden cap has appeared over the well and an application should be written for this structure. [^]

Wayne Newton has not submitted an application for the 2 granite posts erected to cover the Stanton's underground propane tank. Patience agreed to remind him of this.

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[^] All 1992 ^{MUST} applications ~~should~~ be filed with the Town Clerk.

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~~OLD~~ Business:

1. An application was submitted to replace the side door on the Historical Society building. The request was for a metal paneled door with no windows. Due to precedent set using a steel door on a public building, a motion was made to disapprove the application. The vote was unanimous.
2. Alan Bowers agreed to draft a letter to Nancy Newton ^{DANGEROUSLY DELAPIDATED} apologizing for offending her by sending our letter regarding the barn to the selectmen. Our position regarding our reasoning for doing this will also be stated.
3. The Fishers submitted an application for stone steps on their porch, rather than wood and also requested suggestions for replacement material and color for siding of milk house.

The commission felt that replacement material should be the same as the barn, i.e., shiplapped to weather better. This should have something to do with what the structure will be used for. The structure should be sympathetic to the barn in style, color, etc.

The commission will request more information to cover the West and North side of the porch and steps.

Royalston Historic District Commission
September, 1992 Minutes

Attendees: John Poor, Lorraine Casinghino, Peter Kraniak,
Steffie Siegmund, Patience Bundschuh, Alan Bowers

OLD BUSINESS

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The letter was read that Alan drafted to Nancy Newton. The Commission felt that Nancy's neck is out for liability reasons and felt that the town may be liable as well. As per the Carbone place, no demolition can be done unless approved by the Commission.

Our main concern is the town's liability.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW PORCH.

The lattice is in place ~~on~~ the Fishers' ~~house~~. Lorraine Casinghino will be sending a letter to the Fishers regarding the porch and milk house.

CERTIFICATE NUMBER?

NEW BUSINESS

PHINEAS NEWTON LIBRARY

A request was made to change the ~~town hall~~ roof. A sample will be submitted at a later date. *THE EXISTING ROOF MATERIAL IS ASBESTOS AND CANNOT BE MATCHED.*

Old Business:

The Stanton's still need to submit an application for granite posts and a well cap.

ON STANTON'S POOL EQUIPMENT SHED

The vent pipe does need to be vented the way it has been done, rather than to the side. Some suggestions to improve the appearance would be to make the pipe removable in the winter, however, this would mean the Commission would have to police this action every fall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Peter Kraniak thought the house Kevin Kane was living in may have had the storm windows replaced. He was going to check this.

Respectfully submitted

Lorraine Casinghino
Secretary

A separate application should be made to cover the milkhouse.

A motion was made and approved that the application be *considered* incomplete. Lorraine Casinghino agreed to convey this information to the Fishers.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted
Lorraine Casinghino, Secretary

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
OCTOBER 1992 MINUTES

Attendees: Rick Carrier, Patience Bundschuh, George Krasowski Steffie Siegmund, Lorraine Casinghino, John Poor, Alan Bowers, Peter Kraniak, Wayne Newton

The October 1992 meeting of the Royalston Historic District Commission began at 7:00 at the town hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Stanton's fence posts have been painted.

Mrs. Stanton received the letter sent by the commission and had submitted an application for the granite posts to Rick Carrier, which the commission was not aware of because Rick had been on vacation. The application requested to keep the second post for symmetry.

An application was also received to stain the well cover grey green.

Application 14-92 was unanimously approved. *for posts + well cover*

Application 15-92 was submitted by the Stantons to cover the well house chimney, requesting that the chimney be removed in the winter and capped. ~~The commission felt that this would be an acceptable alternative.~~ *JP*

However, Wayne Newton stated that a May 86 ^{Town} bylaw stated that no factory made metalbestos chimneys are allowed. The gas inspector should have brought this chimney to the attention of the fire chief, but since no wood stove would be hooked up to this chimney, there would be no imminent danger. The law still stands however, and Wayne felt that a power vent could be used on the back of the well house to vent the pool heater.

Another alternative would be a masonry chimney, but the commission felt that this might look awkward atop such a small building.

Wayne agreed to contact Mrs. Stanton to suggest feasible alternatives to the chimney problem.

Application 16-92 was submitted by the Stanton's for the installation of a 44" square granite step on the front door. The commission approved the application providing that the "front door" refers to the south door, nearest to the barn.

Old Business:

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The Nash's lattice work has yet to be installed and a letter should be written to them asking that the violation be corrected.

The Town Clerk needs copies of all ^{*processed*} ~~denied~~ applications for filing.

Elections of Historic District Commission officers should be held at the November meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 4, 1992

Attendees: Rick Carrier, Lorraine Casinghino, Patience
Bundschuh, Alan Bowers, Steffie Siegmund,
John Poor.

A special meeting was called to review an application 17-92 for
the installation of a new roof to the library building.

GAF Timberline "Slate Blend" was chosen and unanimously approved.

ROYALSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 1992 MINUTES

ATTENDEES: John Poor, Rick Carrier, Lorraine Casinghino,
Patience Bundschuh, Peter Kraniak, Wayne Newton,
Glen Krasowka

New Business:

An application was submitted by Jean ^{me} Stanton for the construction of a deck at the rear of the barn extending ~~corner to corner for~~ *from north corner of new addition from point North of Dishers* ~~barn to the back of the addition. the south corner of barn to~~. The deck would be visible from the road when traveling up the ~~common~~ or from ~~either direction on~~ Northeast Fitzwilliam Road. The deck would extend out 8' out and would be 36-48' high from ground level to the floor of the deck. Diagonal lattice would be used to conceal the vertical supports.

The application also requested the installation of 2 doors, for access to the barn, and a series of six second story windows.

Pro and con arguments stated that the structure is highly visible from a public way and does not maintain look and character of the barn. On the other hand, the house has been allowed to evolve to include the addition, etc. and the addition of a deck would be sympathetic to the many changes that have already taken place, *in the opinion of some members.*

Mrs. Stanton stated that the main purpose of the structure was to provide access into the barn from the rear. However, some members felt that a structure of that magnitude was overkill for the purpose. It was felt that most barns did have a rear access usually consisting of a door and some type of simple ramp, rather than an elaborate deck. A ramp would not be a feasible alternative because it would have to either be very steep, or extend 20-30' out.

An alternative would be steps widening out at the bottom, with a platform at the top. This structure would extend 8' out and the steps would extend out 5' further. The platform at the top per code needs to be at least 3' x 4' wide with a handrail. The doors however, would total 10' wide, requiring the top platform to be at least that wide.

It was also agreed that the drawing submitted lacked sufficient detail and Mrs. Stanton agreed to resubmit the application at a later date, with a more detailed drawing. Also, Bob Yantiss agreed to stake out the area in the back of the barn, for inspection by the commission.

Patience Bundschuh submitted a photograph showing an old street light which has been replaced by the Electric Company. It was agreed that the Selectmen should contact the Electric Company and

Signature

put back the original ~~light~~ *fixtures*.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Lorraine Casinghino
Secretary