

# *Royalston Historic District Commission*

*Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368*

## *Meeting Minutes*

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**Date:** March 16, 1995

**Attendees:** Rick Carrier, Andy West, Peter Kraniak, Patience Bundschuh, George Krasowski, Lorianne Casinghino, John Poor and Alternate Mark Smith (voting)

### **Meeting called to order at 7:52pm**

Minutes for February 16, 1995 approved as read. Patience Bundschuh moved to accept, Rick Carrier seconded, approved unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Andy West stated he has sent a letter to the Selectman concerning the condition of the Town Hall.

The Selectman submitted a letter asking that the person that was to head up the Town Hall and Fire House exterior building maintenance be willing to oversee all of the town buildings.

John Poor reviewed for everyone present his offer to head up the committee in charge of maintaining the exteriors of the Town Hall and the Old Fire House. A lengthy discussion followed. John Poor stated money had been set aside for the Town Hall shutters. All agreed the letter from the Selectman looking for someone to head up maintenance on all town buildings was out of line with what had been proposed.

Peter Kraniak moved that we inform Selectman that the committee is willing to oversee "the exterior appearance of all town buildings within the Historic District only and that this would be a policing action only" Mark Smith seconded, approved unanimously.

Andy West asked if we should re-submit article for painting firehouse, fixing door and painting entire building. Smith moved to accept, Carrier seconded, approved unanimously. All agreed we should submit as a separate letter but attach to other letter going to Selectman.

John Poor mentioned we should also submit an amount for the HDC operating budget for the annual town warrant.

Andy West mentioned the conflict of interest issue. He spoke with a lawyer from the State Ethics Committee and submitted papers pertaining to this issue, specifically voting on abutting or nearby properties. It was agreed after reviewing this information that when discussing an application for anyone that has property abutting or within 300 feet of an abutter of a commission member that that member must leave the room and not merely abstain from voting. If that member leaving causes the commission to lose its quorum, then the application will have to be voted on ~~again~~ when there is a quorum present.

Andy West asked about the letter to the residents. Patience Bundschuh stated she did not have it yet but would have it next meeting.

Andy West called Wayne Newton and left a message for him to call back concerning his membership status.

Andy West said he did not have the assessor map information yet.

Mark Smith stated that he had some information on the plaques the commission is proposing for the HD homes. Mark said that Monti Tech had asked for a letter of request go to the Superintendent. Upon receipt of the letter they would get with him to discussion design and cost. Smith also has a sample coming from his uncle, Harry Smith and has also contacted a sign maker.

Peter Kraniak stated that the signs entering the HD would be paid for by the town and should match the Historical Society sign.

Andy West said that we have not yet heard from the Stowells. A lengthy discussion followed. John Poor mentioned it would be a good

idea to invite them to our next meeting. Andy West said he would call them and ask about the status of their application and invite them to come to our next meeting April 20th.

## **New Business**

Jason Fortunato attended the meeting and brought with him 3 different applications. The first application was for shutters to be installed on his house. He brought with him one of the vinyl shutters he was requesting to install. All agreed the shutters were acceptable. Mark Smith moved to accept his application, Rick Carrier seconded, approved unanimously. **Cert. #1-95**

Jason then submitted an application for the removal of his old shed building which he had already removed. He stated he would be building a new one in the same position and would submit an application for that when he was ready to do that. Rick Carrier moved to accept his application, George Krasowski seconded, approved unanimously. **Cert. #2-95**  
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*John P.* Jason then submitted an application with rough drawings to build a horse shed further back on his property. A discussion followed. ~~Someone~~ moved to accept, Rick Carrier seconded, approved unanimously. **Cert. #3-95**

When leaving Jason stated he was not happy with having to get approval for everything that he wants to do and didn't feel anyone should be telling <sup>him</sup> what to do. Andy West tried in vain to explain to him the purpose of the commission. Jason stated that though he doesn't like it, he would comply.

John Poor moved to adjourn, Rick Carrier seconded, all approved.  
**Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm**



Respectfully submitted  
Mark D. Smith  
Secretary