

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

The regular meeting of December 2013 was cancelled due to lack of business. However on that day Bob Casinghino filed an application to add a granite step to the side porch at 21 on the Common. Application 2013-12-1

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 16th, 2014

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

Peter opened the meeting at 7:36

Minutes:

The members read the minutes from the November meeting and made a correction. Celt motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor except Bob who abstained as he was not present in November.

New Applications

On behalf of the Common Restoration Committee, Clarence Rabideau filed an application to remove the flagpole from the monument and install a new one further to the west. As discussed previously, the current flagpole movements are one of the main reasons for the degradation of the marble block. Pierre made a motion to accept the application for consideration with a public hearing at the February meeting. Bob seconded. All voted in favor. Application 2014-01-1.

On behalf of the Common Restoration Committee, Clarence Rabideau submitted another application to restore the monument, following the removal of the flagpole. However many important details were still pending and the feeling was that this application was premature and should be resubmitted.

Bob Casinghino then explained the circumstances that forced him to install a granite step before filing the application in December. Clarence made a motion to accept the application for consideration without requesting a public hearing. Rick seconded. All voted in favor, except Bob who recused himself. Application 2013-12-1

Internal commission matters

Correspondence: Peter announced that Ken Lively has submitted his resignation from the HDC to the Selectboard, and sent us a copy of the letter. The commission was sorry to hear the news as Ken had been a steady and valuable member for a long time. Pierre will write a thank you note.

Other commission matters

Bullock Park Pavilion: On behalf of the group building the pavilion, Celt asked the commission to select a stain color, which it did.

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Meeting adjourned

Bob made a motion to close the meeting. Celt seconded. It was unanimously approved. Peter closed the meeting around 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Pierre A. Humblet,
Secretary

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**Meeting Agenda
February 19, 2014 at 7:30 PM
Royalston Town Hall**

- Reading and approval of the minutes
- Old Applications: 2013-12-1, granite step at 21 on the Common.
- New Applications: As they may be filed at the meeting.
- Internal HDC Matters: Correspondence, Financial items, other internal matters
- Other Commission Matters:
 - Request for support letter in favor of the restoration of the old schoolhouse by the Historical Society.
 - Common restoration
- Any other business that may come before the commission