

## Meeting Minutes

Date: February 20, 2020

Attendees: Peter Kraniak (chair), Bob Casinghino, Clarence Rabideau, Matthew Valliere, Pierre Humblet (secretary) Roger O'Donnell. All were voting members.

Peter opened the meeting at 7:35pm.

### New application

Select board member Chris Long presented an application for a certificate of appropriateness on behalf of the town of Royalston. The project involves eventually replacing pole 8-1 by underground conduits for electricity and telephone, and to remove the pole. As it currently supports a strong light that illuminates the front of the town hall and the parking area on the north side, new lights must be installed.

She proposed to install three NLS Lighting "Classic Mini" light fixtures. Two of them would be attached to the building and a third one would be positioned on a post near the northeast corner, at a location where a similar pole-mounted light was installed in the 1930's, as shown in pictures that are part to the application. The exact heights are not yet determined. The color of the fixture would be black. The light is coming out of LEDs located in the cap of the fixture, there is no traditional light bulb in the center. To hide that absence, she proposed a model with frosted glass. The lights meet modern "dark sky" standards.

The commission member went out in the cold night to examine the layout of the building, the proposed locations, and the look of the lights installed in the rear of the elevator addition. Those lights have about the same size and power as the proposed lights, are made by the same manufacturer, and are held by brackets identical to those proposed for the new lights on the north side. They were not selected for use on their north side as their appearance is not historical in the context of Royalston.

More clarifications were sought and received. Eventually Bob motioned to accept the application for consideration with a public hearing. Matt seconded. All voted in favor. Application # 2020-02-1

### Minutes

The members read the minutes of the January meeting. Bob motioned to approve them as read. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor.

### Other commission matter

The town requested a letter supporting an application for a grant administered by the Massachusetts Historical Commission to restore the Raymond School. Pierre had prepared a draft. The commissioned then set to work to edit that draft. Eventually Bob motioned to have Pierre type a final version and circulate it for comments, and to have Peter sign such letter and mail it. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor.

### Meeting adjourned

Matt motioned to close the meeting. Roger seconded and closed the meeting at 8:15 PM.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "P.A. Humblet". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The "P.A." is written in a smaller, more compact script, followed by the surname "Humblet" in a larger, more elaborate cursive.

Pierre A. Humblet  
RHDC Secretary