

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 27, 2020

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, this meeting was held remotely. It took place on a Zoom Conference hosted by Selectboard chair Deb D'Amico. The call-in information was indicated in all meeting notices. The written material had been distributed by e-mail. All votes were taken by roll call.

Public Hearing

At 7:35 PM Peter opened the public meeting on applications by the Stephen Chase and Beth Gospodarek to repaint and reroof the house at 19 Frye Hill Rd, Application 2012-08-1 and 2012-08-1.

Attendees were HDC members Peter Kraniak (chair), Bob Casinghino, Pierre Humblet (secretary), Roger O'Donnell, as well as Stephen Chase, Jim Barclay, Roland Hamel and Gary Winitzer.

Stephen gave the references of colors he will use. Roland asked if the house always had the same colors. Steve answered that the colors have varied greatly over time.

Bob motioned to close the public hearing. Pierre seconded. All voted in favor. Peter closed the public hearing around 7:40 PM.

Regular meeting

Attendees were HDC Peter Kraniak (chair), Bob Casinghino, Pierre Humblet (secretary), Roger O'Donnell. All were active voters.

Peter opened the meeting around 7:42 PM

Old applications

Application 2020-07-1 by the town of Royalston for a certificate of appropriateness to remove the chimney on the Raymond School. Roger moved to approve the application without further discussion. Bob seconded. All voted in favor.

Application 2020-08-1 by Stephen Chase and Beth Gospodarek for a certificate of appropriateness to repaint the house at 19 Frye Hill Rd. Bob motioned to approve the application. Pierre seconded. All voted in favor.

Application 2020-08-2 by Stephen Chase and Beth Gospodarek for a certificate of appropriateness to reroof the house at 19 Frye Hill Rd. Bob motioned to approve the application. Roger seconded. All voted in favor.

New applications

Application by Skip Comeau to create a pedestrian gate in the picket fence on the west side of 4 South Royalston Rd and to decorate all new and existing gates in a way similar to the fence at 10

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on the Common, using urn/acorn motifs. Roger requested that the applicant be asked to specify more precisely what he would do. He then motioned to approve the application for consideration with a public hearing. Bob seconded. Pierre recused himself as abutter. The three other members were favorable, and the matter will be handled at the next meeting. Application 2020-08-3

Approval of the minutes

The commissioners read the minutes of the public hearing and of the meeting of Aug 6. Bob motioned to approve them as read. Roger seconded. All voted in favor.

Other commission matters

Pierre made a motion to appoint Bob as the HDC representative on the Community Preservation Committee, replacing Matt who has served since he joined the commission. Bob seconded. All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned

Bob motioned to close the meeting. Roger seconded. Peter closed the meeting at 8:10 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "P.A. Humblet".

Pierre A. Humblet
RHDC Secretary