

Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting scheduled for Oct 15 could not be held due to technical issues. It was rescheduled to Oct. 22.

Date: October 22, 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 Free Conference Call session hosted by the secretary. 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.

Regular meeting

Attendees: Peter Kraniak (chair), Andy West, Bob Casinghino, Clarence Rabideau, Pierre Humblet (secretary), Roger O'Donnell. All were active voters.

Peter opened the meeting at 7:32 PM

Approval of the minutes

The commissioners read the minutes of the public hearing of the meeting of September. Pierre corrected the date of the last August meeting, it was Aug 27. Roger motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor.

New applications

Jim Barclay had send an after the fact application for a certificate of hardship to demolish a shed (former Post Office) in the rear of the house at 11 NE Fitzwilliam. It had already collapsed, eaten by termites after the fall of nearby tree. The commission felt that there was not much it could do about this hardship case and that there was no reason to delay the matter as it was only a shed. Thus it would use the accelerated procedure.

Andy first motioned to accept the application for consideration. Peter seconded. All voted in favor except Roger who abstained as an abutter.

Andy then make a motion to approve the application for a certificate of hardship, without a public hearing and only if no one requests a public hearing, as this former post office has significantly lost its historical significance structurally in the last thirty of year. Peter seconded. All voted in favor except Roger who abstained as an abutter.

Members then discussed the property at 1 old Winchendon Rd, as it was neglected. No action item was proposed.

Meeting adjourned

Roger motioned to close the meeting. Bob seconded. Peter closed the meeting at 7:58 PM.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "P.A. Humblet". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "H" at the end.

Pierre A. Humblet
RHDC Secretary