

# *Royalston Historic District Commission*

*Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368*

## Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of February was cancelled due to lack of quorum. No application was filed at the time scheduled for that meeting.

Date: March 18, 2021

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.

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

Peter opened the meeting at 7:32.

### Approval of the minutes

The members read the minutes of January.21. Bob motioned to approve the minutes as read. Roger seconded. All voted in favor.

### New applications

Stephen Chase applied for a certificate of appropriateness to reroof all the annexes at 13 NE Fitzwilliam Rd with IKO vintage green architectural shingles. The original shingles were 3-tab. The new ones will match the main roof.

After a short discussion Pierre motioned to accept the application for consideration without a public hearing, and to approve it on the condition that no abutters request a public hearing within 10 days of being notified. Bob seconded. All voted in favor. Application 2021-03-1

Keith Newton applied for a certificate of non-applicability to repair the kitchen door and the sill underneath it at the Town Hall, and to install an inconspicuous rain diverter along the roof line above the door. Rot damage was caused by the inadequate flashing along the concrete ramp leading to the kitchen door from the front of the building.

The commissioners asked questions about the need to keep the concrete ramp, given that there is now an elevator. Keith pointed out that the concrete ramp was needed to deliver the weekly senior lunch. The delivery occurs late the previous evening, while the dining hall may be in use for unrelated meetings. This makes it difficult to go through the dining hall. Similarly, replacing the concrete ramp by stairs leading from the kitchen entrance to the rear parking lot is not feasible because the delivery is made by a truck. It would not be able to reach the back stairs when the rear parking lot is in use.

So, Bob motioned to issue a certificate on non-applicability for the repair work. Pierre seconded. All voted in favor. Application 2021-03-2

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### Other commission matters

Bob reported that he had attended a recent CPC meeting. The committee approved the following projects: Town Hall kitchen door repairs (see above), buying the land of the former Pete and Henry restaurant, and complete phase 2 of the gazebo in South Royalston.

Committee members discussed the need to find more members for the HDC. Current members will talk to people they know and see if they might be interested in serving. If so, they should be invited to attend a meeting.

After asking Roger if he would be interested in becoming an HDC officer, which Roger answered negatively, Pierre motioned to reelect the current officers: Chair: Peter, Vice-Chair: Bob, Secretary: Pierre. Bob seconded. All voted in favor.

### Meeting adjourned

Roger motioned to close the meeting. Bob seconded. Approval was unanimous. Peter closed the meeting at 8:25 PM.

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

Pierre A. Humblet  
RHDC Secretary