

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 20th, 2014

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

Peter opened the meeting at 7:38

Minutes:

The members read the minutes of January. Celt motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor except Andy who abstained as he was not present in January.

Old applications

Application 2013-12-1 by Bob Casinghino to add a granite step in front of the side porch at 21 on the Common. The general view was that this was a totally appropriate change to restore the traditional look of the porch. Pierre made a motion to approve the application and to issue a certificate of appropriateness. Andy seconded. All voted in favor except Bob who recused himself.

New Applications

On behalf of the Common Restoration Committee, Clarence Rabideau filed an application to remove the flagpole from the monument in front of the Town Hall and to restore the top by adding a simple piece of marble, leaving open the possibility of adding something more elaborate at a further date. The issues with the monument and the flagpole being well documented, Andy made a motion to accept the application for consideration with a public hearing on March 20. Pierre seconded. All voted in favor. Application 2014-02-1.

Other commission matters

Letter of support to the Royalston Historical Society. Pierre explained that the Historical Society is applying for funds from the MHC to preserve the old schoolhouse. The MHC requires a letter of support from the HDC. The commission worked on a preliminary draft. Andy made a motion that we send a letter of support modeled on the draft, which will be further edited by Celt and Pierre, to be signed by Celt as Peter is the president of the Historical Society. Bob seconded. All voted in favor except Peter who recused himself.

Internal commission matters

Historic District Boundary Signs. Celt reported on his efforts to find poles for the signs. KDAT is not a viable option and the metal poles he has found were expensive. Questions arose on how much money is available; Peter will ask Helen what we have spent. We will make new efforts to find metal posts.

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Meeting adjourned

Bob made a motion to close the meeting. Celt seconded. It was unanimously approved. Peter closed the meeting at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P.A. Humblet". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pierre A. Humblet,
Secretary

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**Meeting Agenda
March 20, 2014 at 7:30 PM
Royalston Town Hall**

PUBLIC HEARING on 2014-01-1 and 2014-02-1

- Reading and approval of minutes
- Old Applications: 2014-01-1 and 2014-02-1 from the
Common Renovation Committee to relocate the flagpole
from the monument in front of the Town Hall and add
a flat marble piece on top of the monument
- New Applications: As they may be filed at the meeting.
- Internal HDC Matters: Correspondence, Financial items,
other internal matters
- Other Commission Matters:
 - Common renovation
 - Historic District boundary signs
- Other non-anticipated issues that may come before the
commission