

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 15th, 2014

Meeting called to order @ 7:35PM

Present: Peter Kraniak, Clarence Rabideau, Rick Carrier, Celt Grant

Minutes of previous meeting read:

1. Some confusion about wording of allocation of monies for HDC signage. Unresolved. To be clarified at a later time.

2. Meeting was opened and closed by CELT as Peter was not present.

3. Minutes approved as corrected

Old Business:

1. Re 8 S. Royalston Rd. Rick: motion to approve installation of seamless vinyl gutters @ that address. Seconded and approved unanimously.

2. HDC Signage: Celt brought a sample of revised mounting arrangement using galvanized pipe and galvanized wood-to-metal mounting brackets, provided by Pierre. The committee approved of this arrangement. A decision about what type of post cap was deferred.

Celt reported he conferred with Keith Newton @ Public Works regarding installation of signs at district boundaries. Keith stated his department would be willing to undertake the installation in June. Posts and completed signs should be delivered to PW. HDC should designate someone to assist with placement of signs. Keith expressed some concern about pilferage. He suggested using theftproof bolts. Celt will look into this.

According to Pierre's research, the galvanized metal must be allowed to weather for a year before black paint is applied.

New Business:

Jim McPhee, representing the Royalston Energy Committee, appeared before the Commission requesting HDC support for the proposed Green Energy Communities and the Green Energy Stretch Code which will go before the voters at next TM, June 25.

An energetic discussion followed covering concerns, financial benefits, and energy sustainability as well as suggestions for "selling" the proposal to voters.

Clarence made a motion that HDC endorse the Green Communities and the Stretch Code.

Seconded and approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and approved, 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Celt Grant, acting secretary