

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 20th, 2015

Attendees: Peter Kraniak (chair), Bob Casinghino, Clarence Rabideau, Pierre Humblet (Secretary), Rick Carrier (Vice-chair), Roger O'Donnell. All were active voters.

Minutes:

The members read the minutes of the July meeting and made no corrections. Roger motioned to approve the minutes. Bob seconded. All voted in favor.

New application

Application for a certificate of appropriateness from George Krasowski, owner of 11 on the Common. George and the roofer were present so this matter was considered first. The application is to reroof the house, breezeway and barn with architectural shingles –Tamko Heritage Thunderstorm Grey, replacing grey 3 tab shingles and deteriorated slates (N side of barn).

The commission viewed this as a routine application for which there are many precedents. Roger motioned to consider the application for consideration and not to require a public hearing. Bob seconded, approval was unanimous. Bob then motioned to conditionally approve the application under the accelerated procedure where the chair will only sign the application if no one has requested a public hearing on this matter within 10 days after sending a notice to the neighbors. Rick seconded. All voted in favor. Application 2015-08-2.

Old application

Application 2015-07-1 from Joe and Linda Migliozi to replace the front door at 14 on the Common with a new mahogany door reusing the old design and new hardware (pictured in the application). The application was amended by e-mail to specify that the door would be painted back, as is the current door. So only the hardware is under consideration.

Roger moved that we approve the application as amended. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.

New application

Application from the Royalston Department of Public Works to demolish the cinder block chimney on the N side of the garage located N of the church. Pierre announced that as this was an urgent matter, linked to the Town 250th anniversary celebrations, he had sent notices to the abutters on July 29. None of them has requested a public hearing. Keith Newton, DPW head, arrived during the discussion.

The general view was that the cinder block chimney was a dangerous eyesore. Roger motioned to accept the application for consideration without a public hearing and to approve it immediately as no one has requested a public hearing within the deadline. Bob seconded. All voted in favor.

Application 2015-08-1.

Other commission matters

Construction news Roger reported that Paul Guimond appeared to have replaced the door at 7 Frye Hill Rd., using the old design and color. The job looks well done.

Stone walls along roads Roger reported that a stone wall on South Royalston Rd has been badly rebuilt following a logging operation, and that this was not the first occurrence of such an event.

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Bob motioned to investigate and to potentially send a letter to the conservation commission, who appears to be in charge, according to Keith Newton. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.

Common renovation committee: Clarence announced that the old flagpole would be cut down and mounted on an axis. Its height would be 22' above ground. Tom Kellner has also volunteered to sculpt a top for the monument, but that will require funding.

Meeting adjourned

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P.A. Humblet".

Pierre A. Humblet,
Secretary