

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 21th, 2016

Attendees: Peter Kraniak (chair), Bob Casinghino, Rick Carrier, Clarence Rabideau, Pierre Humblet (Secretary). All were active voters.

Peter opened the meeting at 7:32

Other commission matters

Wireless equipment. Jon Hardie, head of the Royalston Municipal Light Plant (RLMP), was present to explain the form of the future broadband network and its impact of the Historic District. The fiber currently reaches South Royalston and a wireless network is deployed there at 2.4 GHz and at 5 GHz. The wireless antennas are displayed in the pictures presented at the January HDC meeting. The network will be expanded from South Royalston by installing 7 monopole towers connected to each other wirelessly throughout the Town, including one on Frye Hill, and 26 access points installed on telephone poles and connected wirelessly to the monopoles and to the Customer Premise Equipment (10 to 25 Mb/s expected on the downlink). If all goes well, construction could start in September 2016. In addition to wireless, fiber suspended on telephone poles will eventually reach the Community School and the public buildings in the center of town. It may also be deployed to reach houses located close to the fibers leading to the school or to the center. Installation will be done by a contractor selected through a RFP process. Prices are expected be in the range of \$45 to \$100 \$/mo., depending on the level of service. It is expected that houses in the Historic District will not need antennas installed in the front of buildings. The RMLP strives to serve its customers in a transparent manner and to be sensitive to the needs of the Historic District.

Peter thanked Jon for coming to the HDC meeting, for explaining the network deployment plans and for caring about the integrity of the Historic District.

Minutes:

The members read the minutes of the March meeting. Bob motioned to approve the minutes as read and Clarence seconded. All voted in favor except Rick who abstained as he was not present in March.

Other commission matters

Historic District signs. Rick reported that the signs have been ordered. He will check on the delivery date.

Meeting adjourned

Bob made a motion to close the meeting. Clarence seconded. It was unanimously approved. Peter closed the meeting at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Pierre A. Humblet,
Secretary