

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 16th, 2016

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

Peter opened the public hearing for application 2016-05-1, the enlargement toward the rear at 4 Warwick Rd at 7:33 PM. No member of the public wished to speak. Pierre moved to close the public hearing and Andy seconded. All voted in favor.

Peter opened the regular meeting at 7:35.

Old applications: 2016-05-1 for the addition at 4 Warwick Rd

The members had a brief discussion and concluded that the proposed extension to the rear would not have detrimental impact on the Historic District as it was minimally visible from public ways. Roger motioned to approve the application as accepted. Andy seconded. All voted in favor except Bob who recused himself as abutter.

Peter then suspended the regular meeting and opened the public hearing on the Administration of the deployment of wireless CPEs by the Royalston Municipal Light Plant in the Historic District at 7:48 PM.

Jon Hardie, head of the Royalston Municipal Light Plant spoke about the deployment and how it would be conducted by the RMLP in a manner similar to what he had done at the meeting of April 21st. The site selection principles would be to 1) identify the possible antenna locations at a site meeting minimum service requirements and 2) among those choosing preferably one that is not visible from a public way, or least objectionable, taking into account the surroundings and the wishes of the owner.

At 7:54 Pierre motioned to close the public hearing, Roger seconded and all voted in favor. Peter closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting.

Minutes:

The members read the minutes of the May meeting. Roger motioned to approve the minutes as read and Andy seconded. All voted in favor.

Other commission matters

Wireless equipment. After a long discussion the committee converged on language to include on the rules and regulations. It was substantially as follows:

Antennas for data access

Installation of antennas and connecting cables used for data communications within the Royalston Historic District requires the approval of the Royalston Historic District Commission if the antennas or cables are visible from a public way.

The procedure to approve installation of wireless Customer Premise Equipment (CPE) for the build-out

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of the Royalston Municipal Light Plant (RMLP) wireless broadband network will be as follows: At every installation site the RMLP will:

- Analyze signal strength to determine the locations least visible from a public way that provide acceptable performances.*
- Consult with the homeowner to select a proposed location*
- Provide photographs of the structure with an indication of the proposed CPE location.*

Th HDC will review the RMLP site proposals and approve or reject individual installations on the spot.

The HDC will post the photographs on its web site and will notify its approvals by mailing notices to owners of adjacent properties, allowing them to request a public hearing to review an approval. An approval will come in force if no request for a public hearing has been received within 10 days after the approval notice mailing date. If a public hearing is requested, the HDC will take another vote on the matter after the public hearing.

Pierre motioned to approve this text but to allow simple proposals for modification submitted by e-mail the next day. The modified text would be voted on again at the next meeting. Roger seconded and all voted in favor.

The next day the text was modified to the following, after inputs from Bob and Pierre

Antennas for data access

Installation of antennas and connecting cables used for data communications within the Royalston Historic District requires the approval of the Royalston Historic District Commission if the antennas or cables are visible from a public way.

The procedure to approve installation of wireless Customer Premise Equipment (CPE) for the build-out of the Royalston Municipal Light Plant (RMLP) wireless broadband network will be as follows: At every installation site the RMLP will:

- Analyze signal strength to determine the locations least visible from a public way that provide acceptable performances.*
- Consult with the homeowner to select a proposed location*
- Provide photographs of the structure with an indication of the proposed CPE location to the Royalston Historic District Commission.*

The RHDC will review the RMLP site proposals and approve or reject individual installations [at the meeting where the RMLP photographs are filed.](#)

The RHDC will post the photographs on its web site and will notify its approvals by mailing notices to owners of adjacent properties, allowing them to request a public hearing to review an approval. An approval will come in force if no request for a public hearing has been received within 10 days after the approval notice mailing date. If a public hearing is requested, the RHDC will take another vote on the matter after the public hearing.

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Meeting adjourned

Roger made a motion to close the meeting. Bob seconded. It was unanimously approved. Peter closed the meeting at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Pierre A. Humblet,
Secretary