

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 21, 2016

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

Peter opened the regular meeting around 7:30 PM.

New applications: Nick May filed an application for a certificate of non-applicability to reshingle the building at 1 Frye Hill Road with shingles very close in color, design and material to the current ones. Andy motioned to approve the application. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor. Application 2016-07-1.

Mark Smith filed a certificate of appropriateness to remove the 2nd floor “door to nowhere” on the façade of the ell between the house and the barn at 7 South Royalston Rd, and to install aluminum gutters to replace decaying ones and to drain areas without gutters.

Bob made a motion to accept the application without requiring a public hearing and to approve it by following the accelerated procedure in section E.2.g.2 of the rules and procedures. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor. Application 2016-07-2.

Minutes:

The members read the minutes of the June meeting. Clarence motioned to approve the minutes as read and Bob seconded. All voted in favor.

Other commission matters

Wireless equipment. The members considered the text of the modifications to the rules and procedures that had been approved at the June meeting. Pierre reported that he had received feedback from Jon Hardie, to the effect that a) the RMLP had an obligation to respect customer privacy (e.g. w.r.t. pictures), b) posting pictures was an invitation to burglaries, and c) that the neighbor notifications looked cumbersome. Pierre also felt that the text was not leaving open the possibility of calling for a public hearing in marginal cases, nor to document several proposed locations. To address some of the listed issues he proposed the following text:

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 residential 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 create a short list of proposed locations*

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- *Provide photographs of the site from public ways with an indication of the proposed CPE locations with the application for a certificate of appropriateness or of hardship.*

The RHDC will review the RMLP applications and approve or reject individual installations, striving to follow the expedited procedure detailed in section E.2.g.2 of this document.

After a short discussion Pierre motioned to approve the new text. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor. The text needs another round of voting in order to become final.

Meeting adjourned

Bob made a motion to close the meeting. Andy seconded. It was unanimously approved. Peter closed the meeting around 8:30 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