

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 16, 2017

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

Peter opened the meeting at 7:40 PM

Minutes:

The members read the minutes of the January meeting. Clarence motioned to approve the minutes as read and Andy seconded. All voted in favor except Andy who abstained, as he did not attend the January meeting.

New Application:

Peter presented an application from the Village Improvement and Historical Society of Royalston, Inc, to reroof the old schoolhouse with architectural shingles instead of 3 tab. The color will not change. Andy moved to accept the application for consideration as long as the color was specified explicitly, and not to request a public hearing on this application. Pierre seconded. All voted in favor except Peter who abstained.

Other HDC matters

A shed visible from public ways was demolished at 2 on the Common without approval. Andy moved that we send a letter of the owner requesting an after the fact application and a picture of the shed, as we should apply to rules uniformly. Peter seconded. All voted in favor except Pierre who recused himself, being an abutter.

The dilapidated house at 9 NE Fitzwilliam Road was demolished without permission. We do not know if it was done per order of the Building Inspector. In a previous similar case, the Carbone house, the owner had submitted an application and part of the house structure was salvaged. Andy made a motion that we send a letter to the building inspector requesting a copy of the demolition order and indicating our desire to work with him in the future to save historic buildings within the District. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned

Andy made a motion to close the meeting. Clarence seconded. Approval was unanimous. Peter closed the meeting at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P.A. Humblet", written in a cursive style.

Pierre Humblet,
RHDC secretary