

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

The regular May meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. No applications were filed at the time scheduled for the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 15, 2017

Attendees: Peter Kraniak (chair and pro-temp secretary), Bob Casinghino, Clarence Rabideau, Roger O'Donnell.

Prior to the beginning of the official meeting, Roland Hamel appeared before the Commission to present to us plans that were done to have the elevator, which is to be placed in the rear of the Town Hall, to include a change. The change would be extending the elevator to reach the attic area which then would become useable space.

Questions were asked by members of the committee pertaining to certain aspects of the drawings which were done professionally. The view from the front of the Town Hall presented itself as being overbearing and maybe could be toned down so as not to be seen so much from the Common.

Roland said that it would not be that visible but members asked that alterations to the drawing be made. Roland explained that his committee would like to know asap as they would like to ask for the funds to extend the building. It was mentioned to him that there is a process to go through and re-writing the application would have to be done. Bob stated that, if necessary a special meeting could be called before the regular monthly meeting to discuss the matter and because of the importance of what is being done, there would need to be a public hearing on the matter. With the last comments made, Roland thanked us and left.

Regular meeting

Peter opened the meeting at 8:15

Minutes: Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

New applications:

Three applications were presented to the committee.

Application 2017-06-1 presented by Clarence Rabideau on behalf of the RCRC is for the placement of a decorative top in the shape of an urn on top of the WWII Memorial located on The Common. A motion was made by Bob to accept the application for consideration and to have a public hearing on the matter. Roger seconded the motion and the vote was 3 for with Clarence abstaining.

Application 2017-06-2 is for the replacement of the present flagpole in front of the Town Hall, which is a little short. The new flagpole that will replace the existing one in the one now in front of the town barn which is taller and is not used. Motion was made by Bob to accept the application without a public hearing and seconded by Roger. The vote was 3 for and Clarence abstaining.

Application 2017-06-3 is from George Krasowski for the replacement of a railing surrounding his patio which is at the rear of the house at 11 on the Common. Since most of the railing is not seen from a public way it was considered not necessary to hold a public hearing. A motion was made by Bob to accept the application without a hearing. Clarence seconded and the vote was 4 for the motion.

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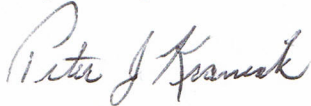
Old applications:

As there was no meeting in May and the 60 days have passed two previous applications were automatically accepted as hardship cases. One was the light over the door on the Humblet's residence (2017-03-1) and the other was the shed on Nancy Ferron's property that was removed without a proper application (Nancy has sold her house) (2017-04-2).

Meeting adjourned

Roger made a motion to close the meeting and Clarence seconded. Approval was unanimous. Peter closed the meeting at 845 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Peter J. Kraniak".

Peter J. Kraniak
Secretary Pro-temp