

Royalston Historic District Commission
Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

The regular meeting scheduled for March 2018 did not take place due to a lack of quorum. Two applications were filed at the time of the meeting:

1. Ben Schodek: application a certificate of appropriateness to landscape the area on the slope west of the brook at 1 Frye Hill Road, creating a stone terrace with a fire pit and a memorial stone, as well as stone access steps. Application 2018-03-1
2. Ben Schodek : application for an amendment to approved certificate of appropriateness 2009-05-1 for a formal garden at 1 Frye Hill Road. Application 2009-05-1A

The chair decided to notify the abutters about the first application without requiring a public hearing and to not issue notifications about the amendment.

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 19, 2018

Attendees: Peter Kraniak (chair), Bob Casinghino, Clarence Rabideau, Pierre Humblet (secretary), Roger O'Donnell. All were voting members.

Peter opened the meeting at 7:32 PM.

Old applications:

2018-03-1 Memorial terrace at 1 Frye Hill Rd. The secretary reported abutters had been notified and that no public hearing had been requested. The commission felt this project would not affect the character of the district given that it is mostly stone landscaping and its location is far from the house. Bob motioned to approve the application. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor except Roger who recused himself as abutter.

2009-05-1A This amendment is only to add an intermediate level in a corner of an ongoing landscaping project. The commission found that it was minor and did not require notification of the abutters. Bob motioned to approve the application. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor except Roger who recused himself as abutter

New applications

In advance of the meeting Hayden Roofing had submitted an application for a certificate of appropriateness to reroof the house at 9 South Royalston Rd. with architectural shingles, pewterwood color (grey/black), instead of the existing 3 tab. The secretary reported that he had notified the abutters on April 4, 2018 and that no request for a public hearing had been received. This is a routine matter. Bob motioned to accept the application for consideration and to approve it without public hearing. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor. Application 2018-04-1.

Robert Hendrie and Janace Wambolt submitted two applications for certificates of appropriateness to repaint for their house at 12 on the Common.

The first one calls for "white heron" color for the walls and "fresh scent green" for the shutters. It is their first choice.

The second one for "white heron" color for the walls and "deep forest brown" for the shutters.

The commission found that the applications were clear. Bob motioned to accept them for consideration with a public hearing. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor. The applications were assigned numbers 2018-04-2 and 2018-04-3 respectively.

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Stephen Chase submitted two applications for a certificate of appropriateness for the house located at 10 S. Royalston Road.

The first one is to replace all sashes with Pella Architect Series double-hung inserts, as the existing wooden sashes are in bad shape.

The commission found that the application was in good order. Roger motioned to accept it for consideration. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor. Application 2018-04-4.

The second application is to add two windows on the front of the second story. One of the window is to provide an acceptable 2nd means of exit to an existing bedroom. The second one is to respect the symmetry of the facade. The commission found the application imprecise in that it did not specify the dimensions and locations of the windows. The application was amended by the applicant. Bob motioned to accept the amended application for consideration with a public hearing. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor. Application 2018-04-5.

On behalf of the Royalston Common Renovation Committee, Clarence Rabideau filed an application for a certificate of appropriateness to install benches on the S and N side of the monument in front of the Town Hall.

After a short discussion the commission thought that the most expeditious procedure would be to issue a certificate of non-applicability as it is urban furniture and the concept of adding benches had been mooted before and was not controversial. Bob motioned to issue a certificate of non-applicability. Peter seconded. All voted in favor. Application 2018-04-6.

Minutes: The minutes of February were read. Bob motioned to approve them as presented. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor except Roger who abstained as he was not present in February.

Meeting adjourned

Roger motioned to close the meeting. Bob seconded. Approval was unanimous. Peter closed the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Pierre A. Humblet
RHDC Secretary