

Royalston Historic District Commission
Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 21, 2018

Attendees: Peter Kraniak (chair), Andy West, Pierre Humblet (secretary), Roger O'Donnell. All were voting members.

Peter opened meeting at 7:35 PM.

Minutes

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

Pierre mentioned that application 2018-05-1 to change the colors of 12 on the Common had been withdrawn.

New applications

Shawn Kennedy and Rachel McMahon filed an application for a certificate of non-applicability to restore the driveway at 2 on the Common. Upon closer examination the work would only consist of adding gravel and better delineating the driveway from the grass. This is a mix of landscaping and regular maintenance, which are not regulated in the Historic District. Thus the commission recommended requesting a certificate of non-applicability instead. As Pierre is an abutter, there was no quorum to vote on the application. Roger motioned to accept it for consideration without requiring a public hearing and to vote on it at the next meeting. Andy seconded. All voted in favor except Pierre who abstained. Application 2018-06-1

Michael Adams filed an application for a certificate of appropriateness to construct a driveway at 9 on the Common. The land needs to be graded to make access possible in the spring. Surface would be gravel. Several members suggested that the Town be notified of this project. Roger motioned to accept the application for consideration with a public hearing to be held just before the next regular meeting. Andy seconded. Application 2018-06-2

A contractor consulted the commission about the need to obtain a certificate for work in the back of 8 S. Royalston Rd (extending and combining roofs by the rear door). Upon examination of pictures of the site, the commission determined that the change would not be visible from a public way.

On behalf of the Town, Geoff Newton filed an application for a certificate of appropriateness to construct a stage on the S. side of Bullock Park. The project was started before a certificate was requested but technical difficulties have prevented its completion. The commission examined the plans and requested that some precisions be added to the application, which was done. Andy wondered if there might be a land use issue. Pierre thought that the land had been given to the Town by Hugh Bullock in the 1950's on the condition that it be used as a playground, meaning a baseball field. Roger motioned to accept the amended application for consideration with a public hearing to be held just before the next regular meeting. Andy seconded. All voted in favor. Application 2018-06-3

Pierre Humblet filed an application for a certificate of appropriateness to reroof the S side of the barn at 4 on the Common with Certainteed architectural shingles, color pewterwood (grey/black,

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same as recently installed on 9 South Royalston Rd) instead of 3 tab in the same tones. Roger motioned to accept it for consideration without a public hearing and to approve it on the condition that abutters and interested parties be notified and that none request a public hearing within the legal delay. Andy seconded. All voted in favor except Pierre who abstained. Application 2018-06-4

Internal HDC matters

Geoff Newton mentioned that the repeated absences of Rick Carrier, the HDC representative at the CPC, were becoming problematic. The HDC should take action to remedy the situation. Peter will talk to Rick.

Meeting adjourned

Roger motioned to close the meeting. Andy seconded. Approval was unanimous. Peter closed the meeting around 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "P.A. Humblet".

Pierre A. Humblet
RHDC Secretary