

Royalston Historic District Commission
Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 4, 2019

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

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

This was a special HD meeting called by the chair to hear from Selectboard member Christine Long about a proposal to temporarily relocate the contract Post Office from the old Schoolhouse to an office trailer located to the north of the Raymond School. It was hoped that the HDC would arrive at a decision before the Annual Town Meeting.

Ms. Long started the talk by stating that she was not planning to submit an application for the moment, as new proposals from the postmistress were being evaluated. The discussion revolved over the pros and cons of various options for the post office. HDC members stated or implied that they thought the proposed location north of the Raymond School was not appropriate. A few days later, we learned that the proposal had been abandoned and that Post Office would stay in the old schoolhouse for the moment.

New applications

On behalf of the Town, Keith Newton had sent an application for a certificate of appropriateness to run an underground electric service line and a meter from pole 9-1 to the old engine house north of the church.

A short discussion revolving about the facts that the line would be buried and only the meter would be visible, as called by the electrical code. Andy then motioned to accept the application for consideration and to grant a certificate of non-applicability, provided the HDC gets assurances that the meter would be mounted directly on the side of the building (and not on separate board), and be located directly above the end of the underground pipe. Bob seconded. All voted in favor. Application 2019-04-1.

On behalf of the Town, Keith Newton had sent another application for a certificate of appropriateness to run an underground electrical line and a meter from pole 8-1 to the north side of the Town Hall (this works has actually been done) and to install outlets that would be mounted on the pole, to service events held on the Common.

The fact that the underground work had been completed was not considered a problem as it was hardly noticeable and would replace the existing aerial line. However the application lacked details about the way the outlets would be installed on the pole. Matthew motioned to accept the application for consideration and request more details about the outlets. Roger seconded. All voted in favor. Application 2019-04-2

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Meeting adjourned

Roger motioned to close the meeting. Bob seconded. Approval was unanimous. Peter closed the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "P.A. Humblet". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large, stylized "H" at the end.

Pierre A. Humblet
RHDC Secretary