

*Royalston Historic District Commission*  
*Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368*

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 18, 2019

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

Before the meeting started, the HDC members joined by Keith Newton (DPW head), Geoff Newton (Building Inspector), Kevin Flynn (elevator project coordinator) and the Royalston electrical inspector, toured the area of the town hall and of the engine house. A few things were clarified, e.g.:

1. Electrical outlets cannot be installed on electric company poles.
2. Two of the four underground conduits to the Town Hall are for electrical service, one is for telecom, and one is a spare.
3. There used to be aerial electrical service to the engine house. It was taken down by a falling tree. New service will be underground to avoid having to meet vehicle height clearance requirements. The meter used to be on the south side, but it is advantageous to move it to the north side to avoid having to cut through the asphalt of the driveway. That spot is also less conspicuous.
4. The receptacles on the Common could be fed from the engine house though a special duct that would be installed at the same time as the electric service. They would be mounted on a new structure (like a 4 x 4 post) near pole 9-1 and perhaps masked with shrubs.

Clarence called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

Old applications

In light of the clarifications listed above Keith Newton wished to modify the applications filed on April 4. The HDC decided to start the whole process from scratch.

Regarding application 2019-04-2 for electrical service to the Town Hall, Keith deleted the paragraph about the electrical outlets.

Pierre moved to accept for consideration the modified application for a certificate of appropriateness, without mandating a public hearing. Andy seconded.. All voted in favor.

Regarding application 2019-04-1 for electrical service to the Engine House, Keith changed the position of the meter to the north side of the building.

Andy moved to accept for consideration the modified application for a certificate of appropriateness, without mandating a public hearing. Roger seconded.. All voted in favor.

Keith Newton will come back to the HDC regarding the installation of receptacles on the common, once there is a firm design for them and for the structure on which they will be mounted.

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Other commission matters

In March, the HDC had expressed a preference to have wood clapboard on the town hall addition for the elevator. Kevin Flynn proposed instead artificial shiplap siding (like on 3 sides of the town hall). It comes in two sizes and several colors and looks like wood. Among those the smaller size and the pure white were found to be most suitable. However there was no agreement on exactly what to do with them. Using them for the bottom of the structure would make sense as they are rot proof. So while the main part of the building is shiplap over granite (in the back it is clapboard over granite), the addition would be clapboard over shiplap. The HDC requested to have the architect draw what it would look like. Kevin Flynn said he would ask.

Minutes

The commission members read the minutes of the March 21 meeting. Andy moved to approve them as read. Pierre and Roger voted in favor, the others abstained as they were not present.

The commission members then read the minutes of the April 4 special meeting. The names of those who had made or seconded motions were amended. Roger motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Andy seconded. All voted in favor.

Other commission matters

At its March meeting the commission had discussed sending a letter to Jon Hardie with copy to the SelectBoard regarding the upcoming wireless network, specifically the approval procedure for CPE equipment and the shrubs near the fire station. Pierre had prepared a draft. That draft was much discussed and edited. Pierre will put it in final form and send it to Clarence who will review it, then sign it and mail it.

Meeting adjourned

Roger motioned to close the meeting. Andy seconded. Approval was unanimous. Clarence closed the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P.A. Humblet". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "P.A." and the last name "Humblet" clearly distinguishable.

Pierre A. Humblet  
RHDC Secretary