

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Working Together to Preserve Yesterday for Tomorrow.

MINUTES

Date: January 18, 1996

Attendees: Rick Carrier, Andy West, John Poor, George Krasowski, and Mark Smith

Meeting called to order at 7:44 pm

Minutes for October 19, 1995 approved as read. Meeting for November was cancelled due to lack of quorum, December meeting for holiday recess.

Old Business

Andy West requested that we redo the **plaque cover letter** so that it reflects a more recent date. The old letter is date Oct. '95. Mark Smith said he would take care of it.

Andy West has not yet opened the **Plaque Fund checking account**.

Andy West reported that John Poor looked into the **zoning laws** concerning the proposed **HD signs** entering the District and that they fall within the zoning bylaws guidelines.

John Poor reported that the **shutters on the town hall** have been taken down, repaired, painted and reinstalled correctly. He said he signed off on the bill and gave it to the Selectman letting them know that the shutters are on their last leg.

John Poor also stated that the **Fire Station Rehab is still in limbo**. It was skipped over on last town meeting article. Selectman said they will put it on the next special warrant once some other things are squared away.

It was reported that the **Stantons chimney** has not been removed as promised. Andy West said he would send them a reminder that it is to be taken down in the fall.

Andy West reported there was still no response from the **Swindells concerning their lamp post**.

New Business

John Poor stated he had gotten a **bid to scrape the front entrance way and paint the entire front of the town hall**. The cost would be \$2150 for the entrance way, \$6500 for the entire front. John Poor moved to write an article for the the next warrant. Suggested maybe the Historical Society could cosponsor. Approved unanimously.

A discussion followed concerning **town hall building maintenance**. It was stated the building was last painted 5-7 years ago.

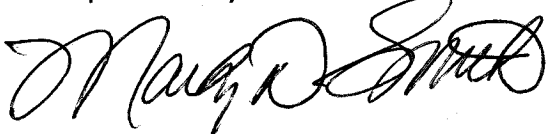
John Poor brought up **derrick buildings**. A discussion followed. Andy West will check with the MHC to see how they recommend handling such problems. Mark Smith brought up that we had determined that the HD Resident Pak may be a beginning point to get people to start doing something and will possibly open some communication between the HDC and the owners of the derrick properties. Andy West showed a sample of the HD Pak which is ready to be distributed.

Andy West mentioned the **Congo church on the Common wants to do a sign** and will be applying for approval.

John Poor mentioned that **Zee Bowers barn** is real bad and is in danger of collapsing. A discussion followed. No action at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark D. Smith", written in a cursive style.

Mark D. Smith
Secretary