Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Working Together to Preserve Yesterday for Tomorrow.

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Date: June 20, 1996

Attenders: Peter Kraniak, John Poor, Patience Bundschuh, George

Krasowski, Andy West and Mark Smith, Rick Corner

Meeting called to order at 7:45pm

Minutes for April 18,, 1996 meeting approved as read. No meeting for May. Lack of quorum

Old Business

Andy West reported that he and Mark Smith met with the selectman concerning the Historic District Welcome signs. A discussion followed concerning the Selectmen ideas of incorporating a slow down message with the sign. A motion was made to not include any reference to speed on the HD sign. Approved 5-2.

A second motion was made by Peter Kraniak to approve the sign as previously designed with minor type size changes. Patience Bundschuh seconded, approved unanimously.

John Poor stated that both articles on the warrant for Town Hall and Fire House were approved. He reported that funds to do the work are not currently available.

Peter Kraniak made a motion to inform Selectman that the HDC will provide material and labor to temporarily fix the fire house. Rick Carrier seconded, approved unanimously. Andy West will talk to the Selectman concerning this.

Mark, Smith stated he would print out the necessary letters to get started on the Plaque Letter mailing to the HD. Andy West said he would make copies and distribute.

Andy West stated he had not spoken with Mr. Fisher yet about his interest in becoming an alternate member of the commission. Andy West will talk to him about his interest and how much he will be able to participate. Andy West stated he will start contacting people before the meetings as a semember.

New Business

Mark Smith announced that Ken and Andrea Lively have purchased and will be moving into the Adams-Burr house. They reported they are very interested in becoming involved with the commission.

An application was presented for the addition of two white carriage lights to the store front entrance at the home of Mark and Gia Smith. A discussion concerning the appropriateness of white lanterns ensued. It was determined this was not historically accurate. The size and shape of the lantern was okayed so the Smiths agreed to change the color to black. They revised their application. John Poor moved to accept, approved unanimously, 6-0 with Mark Smith abstaining. A second item on the application to add a standard 4" dryer vent to the west side of their home was presented. Approved unanimously. Cert.#2-96

A discussion followed concerning the addition of a Primestar dish to the front lawn of Jason Fortunatos house. John Poor reported that in the past, we had not approved the Swindells/Cheneverts request for a satellite dish. A discussion followed concerning the definition of a dish and our bylaws pertaining to antennas and "similar appurtenances". A motion was made to find out how the MH*C handles situations such as this. Approved unanimously. Andy West will check on it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm

Respectfully submitted

Mark D. Smith Secretary

Mr. Fisher presented an application to do his porch roof. The sample he provided child not maken the roof or did he make mention of it in the application. approtourned to mr. Fisher. D.W will contact him directly.