

# Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

*Working Together to Preserve Yesterday for Tomorrow.*

## MINUTES

**Date:** July 19, 1996

**Attendees:** Peter Kraniak, John Poor, Patience Bundschuh, Andy West and Mark Smith

**Meeting called to order at 7:45pm**

Minutes for June 20, 1996 meeting approved unanimously with one correction.

### **Old Business**

John Poor started the meeting by announcing that ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> trees planted earlier are looking well. He also said that Knowles has offered to replace the one in front of the Bundschuhs house.

### **New Business**

Andy West opened the meeting with new business since Ken Lively, a new HD resident was in attendance with an application. **Mr. Lively presented an application to add a driveway to his home.** A discussion followed as to whether a driveway was an item in which the commission should make a decision on. After reviewing the bylaws and finding that the definition of a "structure" included driveways, it was agreed that we would extend our decisions to include driveways whenever submitted. The application submitted was approved 4-1 with John Poor abstaining on principle. It was determined that the approval of this driveway would help to set some standards as to the type and size of driveways the HDC will approve. **Cert.#3-96**

### **Old Business**

John Poor stated ~~that missing~~ funds had been found recently by the town and that this should help in getting the work done on the fire station and town hall. Andy West stated he had not talked to the Selectmen concerning **volunteers doing temporary repair work on the fire station.** Mark Smith reviewed past minutes as to Selectmen response to the offer of someone heading up the HD town building maintenance. John Poor pointed out that a Super of Public Works had recently been ~~appointed~~ <sup>the position of</sup> established.

*tax collector reported  
\$320,000*

John Poor announced that the junk had been removed from the back of the church.

Andy West did not talk to the Selectman concerning the **design of the proposed "Entering the HD" signs**. Mark Smith presented copies of the new sign with the final changes. It was agreed the HDC design is complete. Andy will submit to the Selectmen.

Andy West did not talk to Charles Fisher concerning his porch roof application or his desire to become an HDC member. Further discussion concerning the Fishers application followed.

Peter Kraniak made a motion to approve the **Fishers application** with the stipulation that the **reshingeling of the porch roof** match the shingles on the house roof. The sample that was provided does not match what is currently on the house. Smith seconded. Approved 4-1. John Poor against. **Cert. #4-96**

A discussion involving the Primestar dish at the Fortunatos followed. Andy West said that the MHC has never had an issue pertaining to these dishes come up. It was determined that no action can be taken.

John Poor recommended we send a reminder letter to the **Swindells about their missing lamp post**.

### **New Business**

It was also agreed we send a **welcome letter to the new owners of the Frye house** along with a reminder to get approval for any alterations. The new owners (Chase?) have removed a fence.

A discussion followed about policing the HD. It was agreed that we as a commission should try and review the District sometime every fall.

John Poor mentioned that there has been no activity at the **VanGel home**, <sup>property.</sup>  
Andy West said he will try an contact them.  
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**Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm**

Respectfully submitted



Mark D. Smith  
Secretary