

# *Royalston Historic District Commission*

*Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368*

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## **MINUTES**

**Date:** August 22, 1996

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

**Meeting called to order at 7:40pm**

Minutes for July 18, 1996 meeting approved unanimously with minor changes.

### **Old Business**

John Poor reported he has been approached by the Selectman to find a **contractor to repair/paint the fire house and town hall**. John said the work should be completed by the second week of September.

Andy West brought up the subject of **driveways** pertaining to the discussion at last meeting as to whether we should rule on driveways or not. Andy stated he had reviewed the bylaws and they state "there are groups of items the HDC can choose not to rule on". It was pointed out that doesn't mean we can't decide at a later date to start ruling on those items, i.e. driveways.

Peter Kraniak stated he received a **reappointment from the Selectman**. Patience Bundschuh, Rick Carrier and Andy West stated they also received reappointments.

Andy West reported he presented the **new sign design** to the Selectman and stated the HDC's opposition to using the sign for speed control purposes.

Andy West reported he has spoken with **Charles Fisher and he is interested in becoming a member**. Mr. Fisher said he could arrange his schedule to be at the meetings most times. A discussion followed pertaining to his nomination as an alternate. It was agreed that we would invite Mr. Fisher to attend and participate in the next meeting to see if this was something he

wanted to do. Andy West also sent a letter to the **Longsworth's** soliciting them for **HDC participation**. No response.

Andy West spoke to **Charles Fisher** pertaining to his porch roof. Mr. Fisher stated the roofing material is rolled roofing so it can only be white or black. Rick Carrier made a motion for Mr. Fisher to **submit a new application** since he could not comply with the stipulation of Cert. #4-96. George Krasowski seconded, approved unanimously 6-0.

Andy West has sent a reminder letter to the **Swindells** concerning their lamp post.

Andy West sent a copy of the Historic District Intro Pak along with a letter to the new owners of the **Frye house** subtly mentioning that fence removal requires **HDC approval**.

Andy West spoke with **Elsie VanGel** pertaining to her property condition. She said she is aware of the condition. Andy recommended to her that she consider selling so that the property can be saved.

Andy West reported that the **letters for the house plaques** are ready to go and that it would be nice if we had a **mailing list**. Mark Smith said he would take care of producing a HD mailing list with labels.

Mark Smith reviewed a discussion he had with **Primestar** concerning **installation of their satellite dishes**. He said he asked them to check with us pertaining to placement before installation is done even though we do not rule on the placement of these dishes. Patience Bundschuh presented a letter she had written to Primestar concerning the placement of a dish on a rental property of hers in the Historic District. She asked that we send map and rules to Primestar concerning our Historic District. Mark Smith will send info. (Done 9/5/96)

## **New Business**

**Annual election of officers**. John Poor made a motion to keep as is. Rick Carrier seconded. Approved unanimously 6-0.

**Ken Lively (5 The Common)** presented **3 Certificates of Appropriateness**. The first pertained to revising their previously approved **driveway**. George Krasowski moved to accept, Rick Carrier 2nd, approved 6-0. **Cert. #5-96**

The second item was for a **new septic system** to be installed. A brief discussion followed . Mark Smith moved to accept, John poor seconded, approved 6-0. **Cert.#6-96**

**The final item for the Lively's was a new chimney.** A discussion followed and the app was approved with the **stipulation** , "the chimney should have the same detail and height as existing chimney and utilize the existing brick to match the other chimney. John Poor moved to accept, George Krasowski seconded, approved 6-0. **Cert.#7-96**

**The Smiths (7 S. Royalston Rd.) submitted an application for restoration of their front entrance pediment.** A discussion followed. John Poor moved to accept, Rick Carrier seconded, approved 5-0 with Smith abstaining. **Cert.#8-96.**

Andy West stated the Selectman had called and that **lead paint will be removed from the existing windows or they will install new replacement windows** at the Raymond School. The bylaws were reviewed and windows do require approval. Andy West will notify the Selectman. The pictures of the school were reviewed.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm**

Respectfully submitted

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

Mark D. Smith  
Secretary