

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Working Together to Preserve Yesterday for Tomorrow.

MINUTES

Date: January 16, 1997

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

Meeting called to order at 7:34pm

Reading of the minutes was postponed until after meeting with Bob Siminski.

Old Business

Bob Siminski, Asst. Superintendent of Schools presented the Lead Inspection Assessment Form for the Raymond School. He presented copies for the commission to review. The assessment showed that the main large windows of the school need to be replaced. Mr. Siminski reviewed the costs of replacement vs. Lead abatement. Andy West asked if they looked into encapsulation with new paints on the market. Mr. Siminski stated they hadn't. Mr. Siminski reported the lead paint inspector had recommended painting the outside of the building which they have done. Mr. Siminski then reported he had aluminum cladding put on all the basement windows. It was pointed out by the commission that lead paint abatement had not been discussed and therefore was in violation of historic district bylaws.

Patience Bundschuh made a motion to accept the ^{after the fact} application to replace 24 large upper windows in the Raymond School. John Poor seconded, approved unanimously. Cert.#1-97

John Poor reviewed his discussion with Mr. Siminski pertaining to the basement windows and stated that some of the windows on the south side had 2 and 3 panes in October but now they don't. Mr. Siminski stated he never changed the windows, only added ^{aluminum} ~~wood~~. Mr. Siminski agreed to find out from Parker Glass exactly what was done and what the windows looked like before. A discussion concerning the changes made to the basement windows followed. It was determined we would vote on the application for ^{aluminum} ~~wood~~ cladding and will determine if the mullions are an issue when Mr. Siminski hears from Parker Glass. A motion was made by George Krasowski to accept the ^{after the fact} application, seconded by Rick Carrier and approved unanimously, Cert.#2-97

Mr. Siminski then brought up the subject of the columns on the Raymond School and how to handle the lead problem with those. Bob Siminski presented an idea to create a aluminum guard that would cover the columns. Mr. Siminski stated the cost to replace the columns would be \$1100.00. The cost to create sleeves would be only \$200.00. After a discussion as to the aesthetics of the columns and various options it was agreed Mr. Siminski would change the application to show a guard that would closely conform to the shape of the current columns, and would be removed every summer. Mark Smith made a motion to accept, Rick Carrier seconded, approved unanimously. ^{aluminum} ^{would be 5 feet high} Cert#3-97

Minutes for December, 1996 were approved with 2 additions and one change.

Patience Bundschuh and John Poor stated that the windows in the Barkley house do not match exactly what was previously there. After reviewing the application, it was determined that no action can be taken because the language used in the application was such that the items did not have to match exactly but "as close as possible". The commission agreed to more closely watch this semantics used in applications.

Andy West reported he has received the Historic District Mailing Labels from Mark Smith.

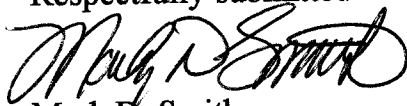
Andy West said he has a Historic District Pak for the Pickfords, new residents of the former Swindell home.

Andy West has not yet spoken to Jason Fortunato concerning the addition of his 2 lanterns.

Andy West said he would speak to the selectmen concerning the addition of Ken Lively to the commission.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm

Respectfully submitted



Mark D. Smith
Secretary