

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Working Together to Preserve Yesterday for Tomorrow.

MINUTES

Date: February 20, 1997

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

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

Minutes for January 16th read and approved unanimously with amendments.

Old Business

Andy West stated we have not received an application yet from Jason Fortunato concerning his lamps yet. Andy stated he would help him prepare the application.

Andy West has provided the Pickfords with a Historic Resident Package and Plaque letter.

Andy West sent out the plaque letters in January and has received several orders so far.

Andy West received a letter from Charles Fisher requesting us to change the date of his home to when it was actually built and not when the first house was built and subsequently burned down. He also asked us to verify the date of 1840. Mark Smith said he would get with John McClure to verify dates. Andy West also said he received a letter from the Kelleys stating that thought their home was around 1810-12, not 1818 as we have listed. Mark Smith said he would check with John McClure on this as well.

John Poor stated he received a letter from Mr. Siminski stating that Parker Glass has verified that no basement windows were removed from the Raymond School. It was agreed we would check with Brenda Hopkins and Joanne Deacon and see if they recall what windows were in the basement since they worked there.

Andy West raised concern over the changing of the color of the mullions of the windows on the town hall. This work was approved by John Poor without approval from the HDC. John Poor stated he had volunteered to oversee the painting of the town hall and takes full personal responsibility for doing this. He apologized and agreed to get an after the fact application from the Selectmen.

It was agreed to send the DPW a HDC Guidelines Booklet so they are aware of us, our purpose and the buildings located in the Historic District.

John Poor stated he would continue his responsibilities pertaining to the painting of the town hall. Andy West made a motion to submit an article to the town warrant to continue with the painting the town hall and to get approval for the mullion color change. Approved 5-0. John Poor abstained

Peter Kraniak made a motion to submit an article to Selectmen to pay for 5 Entering the HD signs at a cost to be determined. Mark Smith agreed to get final price from Harry Smith which is to include 4x4 posts attached. Approved unanimously 5-0.

Charles Scribner presented a sign design for the church. A discussion followed and he was requested to provide a final hardcopy of what the sign will look like. John Poor made a motion to approve the sign with the stipulation the text be legible. John Poor withdrew motion and Charles will present a design next month.

Livelys presented an application for a revision to their barn. Rick Carrier made a motion to accept, approved unanimously. 5-0. Cert#4-97. Mark Smith abstained.

Patience Bundschuh reviewed and summarized all the materials she had gotten from her Historic Preservation seminar. A discussion concerning design guidelines followed and it was agreed that each commission member would take a book home, study it and then report back at next meeting some things they learned that may be useful to the commission.

It was reported the columns were enclosed at the Raymond School and they don't look too bad.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm

Respectfully submitted



Mark D. Smith
Secretary