

Royalston Historic District Commission

Royalston, Massachusetts, 01368

Working Together to Preserve Yesterday for Tomorrow.

MINUTES

Date: March 20, 1997

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

Meeting called to order at 7:40pm

Reading of minutes delayed to after Mr. Siminski, Asst. Superintendent of Schools made is presentation.

Mr. Bob Siminski reported that they will have to add a railing to the stairs of the **Raymond School**. He reported that building code is 30". A discussion concerning the type of rail, placement of the rail, etc. followed. Mr. Siminski asked if they could match the town hall railing as for the material used. All agreed. A motion was made to accept his application to use welded steel pipe, painted black to match town hall railing as long as the railing is in conformance with current building code specs. There will be one railing on each side of the building for each stairway. Approved 5-0. **Cert.#5-97.**

Karen Pickford then introduced herself and stated she was interested in getting involved with the Commission. Mrs. Pickford is the new owner of the former Swindell home, 14 **The Common**. She brought with her the plaque letter with check. A brief discussion followed concerning her property. The commission notified her of the missing lamp post and missing finials on her fence. She asked for a copy of the application for the fence and stated she would love to put the original lamp post back but does not have anything to go by as to its appearance or whereabouts. She said she would try and find out from the Swindells.

Minutes for February 20th read and approved unanimously with amendments.

Old Business

Andy West has not contacted the **DPW**. John Poor stated the position may be abolished. Andy West stated that if the position remains, he will get them information on the Historic District.

Andy West met with Selectman. Andy West presented a budget of \$50. Andy West submitted a request for the **Entering the HD signs**. The selectmen stated they would still like to see some sort of reference to speeding on the signs. The Commission disagrees and feels they should be totally separate. Selectman did state they would present an article on the town warrant for the **new plaques for the town buildings**.

John Poor reported he has not yet approached the selectman with the **painting article for the town hall**.

Andy West met with the Selectman concernig **Ken Lively** and he was approved for an **alternat** ~~posiiton~~ on the commission. Mr. Lively has been notified.

Mark Smith reported he has gotten with John McClure concerning the date of Charles Fishers home. After extensive research, it was found that the **George Peirce house** could have been built anytime between 1844 and 1848. This was confirmed from 2 different sources. Andy West stated he would notify Mr. Fisher as to this information.

Mark Smith also reported that John McClure was able to confirm the exact date of the **Jonathan Sibley house at 1818**. Andy West will check with the Kelleys and make sure 1818 is okay for their plaque.

Jason Fortunato submitted an after the fact **application for the lamps on his front entrance**. Mark Smith moved to accept the application. Approved 4-0 with 1 abstention (Poor) Cert.#6-97

on how nice the sign looked.
Charles Scribner presented a final sign design and **sign for the Congregational church**. All commented ~~sign looked very nice~~. Rick Carrier made a motion to accept the sign. Sign was approved unanimously, 5-0 Cert#7-97.

New Business - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted



Mark D. Smith
Secretary