

Notes by
Bob Grawley

Royalston Historic District Commission Minutes of meeting

Date - July 9 1981

Time 7:30 p.m.

Place Phineas Newton Library

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- 5) Concurring vote - A concurring vote of the Royalston Historic District commission is a simple majority of the members and alternates present except in the case of a bare quorum. When a bare quorum present a concurring vote is minimum of three year votes on any ruling.

Definitions

5) Continued

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6) ~~fourteen~~ Days - In reference to passage of time for hearing dates ^{and ruling} ~~of the~~ ^{of the} ~~Rayalston Historic District~~ ^{commission} the term day ~~shall~~ is any calendar day weekends and holidays inclusive.

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A discussion followed concerning paint colors
on the common and was referred to the
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Royal Tye volunteered to check on the official
town status of commission member Dorreen
Simmington and prospective member Guyola
Shackleford.

Guyola Shackleford accepted the position
of Royalston Historic District Secretary upon
receipt of Mary Jane Green's resignation of the position.

The subcommittee on definitions and procedural details was continued with some membership.

A new subcommittee was formed to initiate and coordinate the general historic survey of the town. Allen Bowers was appointed Chairman and members of his choosing.

~~A discussion~~

Bob Gravley initiated a discussion concerning the characteristics of Royalston Historic District which identify it from other areas. It was suggested that all members of the commission compile a list of characteristics they find noteworthy in the district.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.