

*Royalston Historic District Commission*  
*September 20, 2001*

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Patience Bundschuh. Members in attendance were Patience, Andy West, Jodie Brighenti, Rick Carrier, John Divoll, and Brenda Putney.

The minutes of the August 16th meeting were read by Andy West. Rick made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Jodie seconded, and the minutes were accepted as read..

The minutes of the September 13th special meeting were read by Brenda. One amendment was made, and Andy made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Rick seconded, and the minutes were accepted as amended.

An application of appropriateness to replace 2 over 2 double hung windows with 12 over 12 double hung windows was received from the Stowells. The windows have true dividers and will be painted white. Each pane measures 7"x9". John stated that the windows do match windows in Casinghinos' and Stowell's houses. Patience stated that she feels that it is a good change.

John made a motion to accept the application for consideration. Brenda seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

John made a motion to wave the public hearing, since this application has been received after the fact, and there have been no complaints brought to the commission. Rick seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Patience reported on the Selectman's meeting that was held on Tuesday. She said that Linda Alger stated that the Selectmen needed more time to consider the letter which the commission sent to them. Patience had also asked why the commission was not granted time on the agenda, if the issue of the fence was considered and emergency. The Selectmen had

wanted to discuss this issue in executive session, but since it is not legal to do so in this instance, have put the issue on the agenda for their October 9 meeting.

The question was asked as to what happened to the skirt to the Street light in front of Casinghinos. John stated that he saw it the other day, and wondered if maybe Willard Newton picked it up when he was working on the grounds. Rick will ask Bob if he took it back in for safe keeping. According to Bill Reopell, the catalog of light fixtures did not come in. Instead, a picture of a sodium light was sent. Keith Newton is supposed to contact Mass. Electric again.

Andy stated that he hasn't done anything with Worcester Telegram website yet.

Rick stated that he will follow up and call the man about making the signs. The money is still there and should be used.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### Election of officers:

Secretary: John made a motion for Brenda as Secretary. Jodie seconded the motion. Patience, Rick, Jodie, Andy, and John voted for Brenda. Brenda abstained from voting.

Co-Chair: Rick made a motion for Andy to serve as co-chair. Brenda seconded the motion. John, Jodie, Brenda, Rick, and Patience all voted in favor. Andy abstained from voting.

Chariman: Andy made a motion for John as Chairman. Rick seconded the motion. Jodie, Rick, Patience, Andy, and Brenda voted in favor. John abstained from voting.

Patience read a copy of a letter to David Tansey that was received on 9/18 from the Historical Society. The letter offers to fund rebuilding of the fence in front of the Bastille, and asks Landmark Trust to apply for matching

grants to fund the rest, and oversee the rebuilding and maintenance of the fence.

John asked if Mark and Gia Smith had applied to change the color of their shingles when they applied for the rest of the work on their house. Patience looked through applications, but couldn't find it right away. John will research to find the answer.

Andy stated that the carriage bay windows at Pat Jackson's were installed, and that they look very good.

Fence:

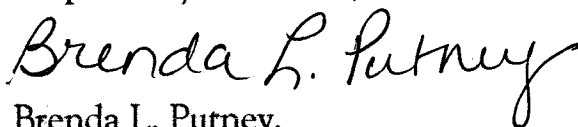
Patience posed the question that if the Historic by-law does include the fence as a structure, then wouldn't Geoff be bound by our by-laws if he is our enforcement officer.

Rick asked that if there are rules for putting up fences, such as notifying neighbors, etc., do these rules also apply for removal of the fences?

John stated that a good deal of the fence falls within the 31' road taking. The road taking is more on that road, because it is a chapter 90 road.

Andy made a motion to adjourn, Jodie seconded, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda L. Putney".

Brenda L. Putney,  
Secretary