

ROXBURY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes - April 19, 2024

- A meeting of the Roxbury Historic Preservation Commission was held at 10am on Friday, April 19, 2024, at the Roxbury Town Hall.
Present: Lewis Wendell – Vice Chairman
Christine O’Shaughnessy
Doug McLaurine
Denise Johnston – Clerk
Absent: Michael Mathis – Chairman
Peg Ellsworth
- The meeting was called to order by Lewis Wendell at 10:01am
- On motion of Doug McLaurine, second by Christine O’Shaughnessy, the minutes from October 20, 2023, were approved.
Ayes: 3 (Wendell, O’Shaughnessy, McLaurine)
Nays: 0
- On motion of Christine O’Shaughnessy second by Lewis Wendell, the four applications listed below were approved as submitted. These applications had been previously deemed no adverse impact or no purview.
Ayes: 3 (Wendell, O’Shaughnessy, McLaurine)
Nays: 0
 1. The application of the Enderline House LLC, located at 2370 County Hwy 41, Roxbury, NY 12474 was approved as submitted on the application. Therefore, a certificate of compatibility was sent.
 2. The application of the Jay Gould Memorial Church, located at 53839 St. Hwy 30, Roxbury, NY 12474 was approved as submitted on the application. Therefore, a certificate of compatibility was sent.
 3. The application of Jessica Halbrecht, located at 53538 State Hwy 30, Roxbury, NY 12474 was approved as submitted on the application. Therefore, a certificate of compatibility was sent.
 4. The application of Liberal Arts Roxbury, located at 53525 St. Hwy 30, Roxbury, NY 12474 was approved as submitted on the application. Therefore, a certificate of compatibility was sent.
- The committee heard a resident Jeannette Thompson speak about a proposal for work that will be done at 80 Spruce Street. The owner has a few projects in mind. First, they want to remove siding from a building and replace that siding. Next, they want to remove two old garage and shed type structures, and finally, they want to build a new home on the same property. Jeannette was advised that this project would need planning board approval as well as a building permit. Going forward, she plans to submit a separate application for replacement of the siding and the new construction. The application that Jeannette brought with her was not accepted. It was missing too much information.

- The new construction request sparked some conversation within the committee. In the past, there have not been many requests for new construction within the historic district and the committee feels it would be best if they meet and look over the guidelines. Legal council had previously been asked and confirmed that the RHPC does have authority to deny new construction that is not within the historic parameters. The committee will arrange a special meeting to look over requirements for new construction going forward.
- On motion of Doug McLaurine, second by Lewis Wendell, the meeting was adjourned at 10:46am