

**ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION**

**MINUTES FOR REGULAR**

**MEETING**

**OCTOBER 12, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**Held at Historic Village Hall – 2 South Main Street – Algonquin**

**CALL TO ORDER – ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Present: Chairman Jolitz and Members Dombrowski, Donahue, Himes, Lewis, Thompson, and Wyskochil.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 AND WORKSHOP MEETINGS OF SEPTEMBER 17 AND 24, 2022**

Moved Member Donahue; Seconded Member Himes.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Minutes Approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Hearing for Consideration of a Major Improvement in the Old Town District; Case No. HC-08-22, 703 La Fox River Drive for Replacement of Siding and Other Exterior Renovations. Petitioner: John Garelli for Owner Sharon Himes. For this Hearing, Member Himes stepped down, excused from her position as a Member of the Commission.

**Staff Presentation**

Patrick Knapp, Senior Planner, presented the Village Staff Report on behalf of the Department of Community Development. John Garelli of GRSE, Inc, the Applicant, and Sharon Himes, the Owner of 703 La Fox River Drive, the Subject Property, applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install new siding and other exterior elements on the dwelling located on the Subject Property. The Applicant proposes to replace the existing siding with 4” Hardie Plank (3” reveal) siding. Improvements will also include 8” Hardie base trim and frieze, Fypon crowns over the windows and doors, and wrapping all fascia and soffits in aluminum. Staff does not see any issues with the installation of the proposed Hardie siding and other exterior elements and recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted with the condition that Applicant obtain a building permit and comply with all applicable Village of Algonquin Building Code requirements.

**Petitioner’s Comments**

Petitioner brought copies of photos depicting Hardie trim and dental moulding that will be applied to front window, along with samples of the trim and decorative pediments that will also be installed.

### **Commission Discussion**

Chairman Jolitz clarified that Applicant should retain 8-12-inch frieze boards and 6-inch corner boards. Applicant Himes confirmed that those elements will be retained.

### **Motion**

Motion by Member Lewis, seconded by Member Dombrowski, that the Building Commissioner issue the requested Certificate of Appropriateness for Case No. HC-08-22, 703 La Fox River Drive for Replacement of Siding and Other Exterior Renovations, with the stipulation of retaining 8-12 inch frieze boards and 4-6 inch corner boards. Chairman Jolitz asked if any further discussion on the motion was needed. Being none, a roll call vote was taken of the six remaining Commission Members (Member Himes excused).

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Member Himes rejoined the meeting as a seated Commission Member.

Public Hearing for Consideration of a Major Improvement in the Old Town District; Case No. HC-07-22, 203 North Main Street for Replacement of Siding. Petitioner: Lukas Spies.

### **Staff Presentation**

Patrick Knapp, Senior Planner, presented the Village Staff Report on behalf of the Department of Community Development. Lukas Spies of Capeesh Construction, the Applicant and Owner of 203 North Main Street, the Subject Property, applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install new siding on the dwelling located on the Subject Property. Petitioner proposes to replace the existing double 4" aluminum siding with vortex extreme double 4" vinyl siding. Staff does not see any issues with the conversion of the aluminum siding to vinyl siding and recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted with the condition that Applicant obtain a building permit and comply with all applicable Village of Algonquin Building Code requirements.

### **Petitioner's Comments**

Petitioner explained that in keeping with original appearance of the home, he intends to paint a few sections of siding and/or trim to match the original color, rather than replacing that material. Petitioner also intends to replace the gutters and downspouts with new black gutters and downspouts, and to install black shutters.

### **Commission Discussion**

Chairman Jolitz provided Petitioner with historic photos of the house on the property and explained that the house is made from dismantled materials from the Chicago Columbian Exhibition. Petitioner was appreciative of the photos and also mentioned many original artifacts in the house that have been retained and restored, including ductwork, a chandelier, and various pieces of door hardware, as Petitioner is very intent on preserving as much of the home's significant history as possible. Chairman Jolitz also noted the historic, original front door, which must be retained during any future renovation, and that any changes to windows must remain in the existing double-hung style. Member Donahue inquired whether Petitioner intends to live in

the residence, and Petitioner explained that he may eventually live there, but is currently using the home as the site for his construction business. Chairman Jolitz also clarified that Petitioner must retain 8-12 inch frieze boards (*i.e.*, that siding should not extend all the way to the roofline and instead retain frieze boards), and that wide (4-6 inch) corner boards must also be retained. Petitioner agreed and said original frieze boards, soffits, and fascia would all be retained and painted.

### **Motion**

Motion by Member Dombrowski, seconded by Member Lewis, that the Building Commissioner issue the requested Certificate of Appropriateness for Case No. HC-07-22, 203 North Main Street for the installation of new siding with the stipulation of maintaining the front gable decorative wood grid work, 8-12 inch frieze boards on the gable and tops of outside walls, and 4-6 inch corner boards. Chairman Jolitz asked if any further discussion on the motion was needed. Being none, a roll call vote was taken.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Member Wyskochil reported on the status of ongoing efforts to supply historic information and photos to be posted on the Commission's webpage on the Village's website and the Village's Facebook page and/or other social media outlets, particularly regarding Mineral Springs, as requested by Village President Debby Sosine.

Member Thompson reported on continuing efforts to obtain potential grant funding for renovation of the Mineral Springs site through applications by the Village and Algonquin Garden Club.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Jolitz reminded of scheduled workshops on October 15 and 22, 2022, and presented planned activities for those and other upcoming fall workshop activities. Member Donahue also reported on donations of Algonquin-related historic documents and artifacts offered by teacher in History Dept. at Jacobs High School.

### **CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS**

No other new business.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Lewis moved, and Member Wyskochil seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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Secretary

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Date Approved