

**ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR REGULAR
MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 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, and Thompson.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2022 AND
WORKSHOP MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2022**

Moved Member Donahue; Seconded Member Dombrowski.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Minutes Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Members discussed Member Wyskochil's continuing efforts to post historic information and photos on the Commission's page on the Village website and the Village's Facebook page monthly or twice a month, and the many continuing positive online reactions to such postings.

Member Thompson reported on continuing efforts to obtain potential grant funding for restoration of the Mineral Springs site through a grant application currently being completed in coordination with the Algonquin Garden Club, including the photos and proposed timeline being submitted with the application.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members discussed planned activities for upcoming winter workshops, including continued management of historic documents and artifacts and the need for additional volunteers to organize those files and collections.

Members also discussed potential items to be included in the proposed Commission Budget for fiscal year starting May 2023, which is due to be submitted to the Village by January 31, 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Jolitz reported on continuing construction on South Harrison Street through the winter season.

Chairman Jolitz also reported on the passing of the founder of Algonquin's historic Port Edward Restaurant, Edward Wolowiec.

Chairman Jolitz also relayed an email inquiry from the new owner of 445 La Fox River Drive, who plans to attend a Commission workshop to collect historic information and photos of the property. Member Lewis will search for relevant photos and information at the next workshop.

Chairman Jolitz also relayed an email inquiry from the Village Department of Public Works seeking historic photos and information regarding the Mineral Springs site in Towne Park, in order to refurbish the deteriorated sign at the site. Member Wyskochil provided the necessary photos and information, and Public Works has already erected a newly constructed sign displaying that content.

Members also expressed concerns regarding the placement of solar panels recently added to two historic homes in the Old Town District, in roof locations facing public view, contrary to Algonquin's Preservation Code and its reference to the Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Building or Structures published by the National Park Service.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Himes moved, and Member Donahue seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Secretary

Date Approved