

ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

August 14, 2024

7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER – ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF JULY 10, 2024, AND WORKSHOP MEETING OF JULY 20, 2024

Moved Member Jolitz; Seconded Member Himes.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Minutes Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Members continued discussion of preparations for the Commission's Open House event on September 7-8, 2024, during the Art on the Fox fair on Main Street, including a new display case exhibit featuring historic Algonquin artifacts, plans for various interactive displays featuring additional historic artifacts and related trivia, and scheduling.

Members continued discussion of potential plans for events/projects for the year of the USA's 250th anniversary (2026), possibly focusing on the five nationally endorsed sesquicentennial themes (Unfinished Revolutions, Power of Place, We the People, American Experiment, Doing History). Further discussion of possible projects/events will be discussed at upcoming Meetings and Workshops.

Members continued discussion of a potential new order for historic identification signs for homes in Old Town, including seeking a new quote for their manufacture and possible means of notifying homeowners of the opportunity to order a new/replacement sign.

Members continued discussion of efforts to recruit new student and/or other Commission volunteers/members and some potential candidates who may be available.

Members continued discussion of construction/remodeling projects undertaken in Old Town without a permit and/or Certificate of Appropriateness (e.g., installations of solar panels, removals of historic trim, replacement of historic doors and/or windows, and other modifications that would have been governed by the Old Town Preservation Code), and the appropriate Commission response to inquiries about such projects.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Chairman Lewis approved a bill for \$143.48 presented by Member Jolitz for custom framing of historic Algonquin Depot photos recently hung in Historic Village Hall. Chairman Lewis also approved a bill \$38.36 presented by Member Thompson for the engraved brass identification plaque for the historic Algonquin Depot sign also recently hung in Historic Village Hall. Moved to approve both bills by Chairman Lewis; Seconded by Member Donahue. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

Members discussed a recent inquiry from Village Staff regarding the process for evaluating new applications for permits/Certificates of Appropriateness.

Chairman Lewis reported on recent attendance at the July 30 McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting and its ongoing projects.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Lewis relayed recent inquiries from local owners of historic homes planning renovations and interested in obtaining Certificates of Appropriateness, and a possible donation of a historic Algonquin kindergarten class photograph.

Chairman Jolitz reported research of a new vendor for porch railings.

Members were reminded of Commission Workshops on August 17 and 24, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Jolitz moved, and Member Himes seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Secretary

Date Approved