

**ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING**

**November 13, 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, Jolitz, Teuber, and Thompson.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2024,  
AND WORKSHOP MEETINGS OF OCTOBER 19 AND 26, 2024**

Moved Member Jolitz; Seconded Member Dombrowski.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Minutes Approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Members continued discussion of a potential new order for historic identification signs for homes/buildings in the Old Town District and possible means of notifying owners of all homes/buildings built during the relevant period that may need a sign or replacement sign. Chairman Lewis will check with Village Staff for the last mailing list and other information needed for the new sign order. Member Thompson reminded that the current estimate to the Commission of \$95 to \$100 per sign is firm for only six months from its receipt on August 28, 2024 (*i.e.* February 28, 2024).

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

Members reviewed themes for new Commission exhibits for the Harnish Library and Main Village Hall display cases (e.g., Algonquin's resident toymaker and/or local winter activities in Algonquin's history such as ice harvesting and sledding, and a display featuring Village government artifacts such as the Commission's antique Village Seal, Police and/or Fire Department equipment, etc.). Members will work on displays for both locations at upcoming Workshops and Monday workdays.

Members further refined plans to modify and improve storage of the Commission's historic postcard and photo archives, including potential new storage containers and/or use of protective sleeves to protect valuable documents/photographs/postcards from damage by water, sprinklers, flooding, etc., as well as a possible new filing system to make items easier to retrieve.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Members discussed updating the online version of the Commission's Algonquin Walking Tour (e.g., with newer photos and descriptions of the renovated Mineral Spring site and any other renovated homes/structures/parks, etc.). Member Thompson will contact Village Staff to inquire about the process for updating one or two of the entries on the online survey.

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

Chairman Lewis relayed an email inquiry about historic photos and information regarding the 1914 Algonquin Train Depot. The inquirers will attend an upcoming workshop to follow up and do related research.

Chairman Lewis also relayed an inquiry from the Adult Programming Specialist at the Harnish Library regarding a potential presentation about Algonquin's History. Chairman Lewis and Member Donahue will respond with suggestions for a possible format and the time needed for it. Members also discussed the possibility of acquiring a projector for use at such presentations, particularly in light of the many requests for such presentations received by the Commission recently.

Members were reminded of Commission Workshops on November 16 and 23, 2024.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Dombrowski moved, and Member Jolitz seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

---

Secretary

---

Date Approved