

ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 10, 2012  
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – ESTABLISH QUORUM:

PRESENT: Chairman Jolitz. Members: Purn, Koeppel, Mudra, Zange  
Nee absent

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPT 15 AND WORKSHOP  
MEETINGS OF SEPT. 12 AND 22, 2012:

Moved by Member Zange to approve above Minutes. Motion seconded by Member Purn  
Voice Vote: All Ayes

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE  
OLD TOWN DISTRICT CASE NO. PC12-08, 334 S. RIVER ROAD FOR RE-SIDING  
OF HOME:

PETITIONER: MIKE AND BARB WAHLERS

PRESENT: Chairman Jolitz. Members: Purn, Koeppel, Mudra, Zange

Petitioner: Mike Wahlers. Village: Ben Mason

Mr. Mason informed the Commission that the Petitioner is requesting a COA to replace the worn 4" siding on the home with new vinyl siding on all four sides. Staff feels this proposal is compatible with the home's current appearance and recommends approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted. After further discussion a motion was made by Member Zange to recommend the Building Commissioner issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the re-siding of a home located at 334 S. River Rd. Case No. PC12-08. Motion seconded by Member Purn.

Roll Call: Members Purn aye, Zange Aye, Mudra Aye, Koeppel Aye, Chairman Jolitz aye.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT IN  
THE OLD TOWN DISTRICT CASE NO. PC12-09 – 102 N. RIVER ROAD FOR  
DEMOLITION OF RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE.

PETITIONER: DON ERICSON

PRESENT: Chairman Jolitz. Members: Purn, Zange, Mudra, Koeppel

Petitioner: Don Ericson. Village Ben Mason

Mr. Mason pointed out that Petitioner wishes to demolish the existing primary residential Structure located on this property. Currently, there is also a garage outbuilding located on the north side of the site that Petitioner is proposing to retain; however, staff is requiring it to be repaired as per conditions listed in the staff report. When the housing market improves, the Petitioner has future plans to redevelop the site in to residential. A concept site plan is attached. The Petitioner will be required to return before the Commission with a formal redevelopment proposal as part of a separate hearing.

Section 10.10 of the Old Town Preservation Code requires specific standards and guidelines for the review of a COA that includes demolition. Staff feels the Demolition of this house will not affect the aesthetic cohesiveness of the Old Town District as a whole.

Staff feels the request for a COA to demolish this building is reasonable and meets the intent of the Preservation Code, with the following stipulations:

1. The existing building shall be made available to anyone wishing to relocate or salvage, following explicit instructions.
2. Any new construction shall be reviewed by the Historic Commission and be compatible with architectural designs in Old Town.
3. The owner shall be required to complete the following improvements to the garage outbuilding structure prior to receiving a demolition permit: a. Replace missing fascia board. B. Repair splintered soffit or siding. C. Repaint overhead garage door. d. Paint exposed wood framing around exterior bathroom door and exhaust vents on south elevation to match door and siding e. Second floor exterior door located on the garage outbuilding south elevation shall be sealed off or removed and replaced with siding to match existing siding material

After further discussion Chairman Jolitz stated he agrees with the criteria Mr. Mason has outlined – and staff recommendations.

Member Purn moved to recommend that the Building Commissioner issue a Certificate Of Appropriateness for the demolition of the principal house structure at 102 N. River Road Case No. PC12-09, with the understanding that Petitioner abide by all above recommendations and stipulations laid out by village staff and with the understanding that no demolition permit will be issued until the above work is completed. Motion Seconded by Member Mudra.

Roll Call: Members: Purn aye, Mudra aye, Zange aye, Koeppel aye, Chairman Jolitz Aye.

#### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None

#### OLD BUSINESS:

##### A. Interview Project – Status Report

The Interview scheduled for October has not returned our calls. :

##### B Fall Harvest Day Participation – October 23:

This is the first time Harvest Day has been held at Cornish Park.

C. Report on Scout Troop Visits:

Member Purn stated there was a goodly number of scouts and parents that turned out. They were given a short tour and the scouts worked with the coloring books.

D. Report on recent presentations to various groups:

Member Purn reported that he gave a presentation to the Trout Valley Questers At the HVH Oct 2. 18 ladies were present and we received a donation of \$100. Volunteer Connie Jacobsen helped out.

There will be a Glacier presentation October 19 in Huntley.

On 09-26 there was a Joint Council meeting of Historic groups at the Spring Grove Fish Hatchery. Member Purn and Ben Mason attended.

APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A.. Change in Holiday workshop schedules:

There will be no Workshops on November 24 and December 22 due to the holidays.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Member Purn to adjourn. Motion seconded by Member Zange

Voice Vote: All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

  
Secretary

11-14-12  
Date Approved