

ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 11, 2007
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – ESTABLISH QUORUM:

PRESENT: Chairman Jolitz. Members: Cole, Coleman, Purn, Zange, Nee, Koeppel
Village: Ben Mason, Craig Arps

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2007:

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

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT IN
THE OLD TOWN DISTRICT CASE NO. PC07-03, AT 207-211 NORTH RIVER
ROAD FOR DEMOLITION OF PRIMARY AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURES.**

PETITIONER: FRED HUCKSTORF

PRESENT: Members: Cole, Coleman, Purn, Zange, Nee, Koeppel. Petitioner: Huckstorf.
Village: Ben Mason, Craig Arps.

Mr Mason reported that Petitioner has applied for a Certificate Of Appropriateness to demolish the buildings located on this property. The barn was found to be structurally unstable due to its deterioration and a rotted sole plate which has destabilized the structure. The two residential buildings also on the property were found to be dilapidated, to the point where the only course of action to take would be demolition due to their current state of disrepair. The demolition of these buildings would not affect the aesthetic cohesiveness of the Old Town District as a whole, since the architectural integrity has already been compromised due to dilapidation.

Petitioner stated that the barn was built in 1896-97 by Robert McKee. He stated also that the barn was lifted from its foundation in the 1902 tornado.

Chairman Jolitz agrees with Mr Mason's comments. There are no architectural styles in evidence that would be of interest to the village in attempting to preserve these buildings.

Member Purn asked that in the future if a demolition is being considered , could a bit more time be allowed to approach the right people for further information. Mr Purn also asked for permission to document these buildings prior to demolition.

Member Zange moved to recommend approval of the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition of three structures located at 207-211 North River Road Case No. PC07-03, with the additional request by Member Purn that a 30 day waiting period be instituted prior to removal. Motion seconded by Member Purn.
Roll Call: Members Cole aye, Coleman aye, Purn aye, Zange aye, Nee aye, Koeppel aye, Chairman Jolitz aye.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT
IN THE OLD TOWN DISTRICT CASE NO. PC-0704 AT 21 MADISON ST FOR
THE REPAIR AND REBUILDING OF TWO EXISTING PORCHES

PETITIONER: DANIEL CONTE

PRESENT: Chairman Jolitz. Members: Cole, Coleman, Purn, Zange, Nee,
Koeppel. Petitioner: Conte. Village: Ben Mason, Craig Arps.

Mr Conte has applied for a Certificate Of Appropriateness to repair and rebuild the two existing porches on this home. The property owner has been notified by village staff that the aesthetic appearances of the porches needs to be improved. The paint is peeling and the stability of both porches is questionable. Both of these porches will be rebuilt with new stairs, deck, railings, footings and supports. The roof over the main porch will be replaced and reconstructed to match the current design. The petitioner has indicated that he will make every attempt to salvage and reuse any exterior porch brackets, spindles and wood where possible.

Chairman Jolitz brought forth a copy of the original design used as the porch drop rather than the present lattice work

After further discussion, Member Purn Moved that the request for a Certificate Of Appropriateness be recommended on property located at 21 Madison Street for the rebuilding and repairing of two porches, one located on Madison Street and the other located on the eastern side of the building, with the understanding that both porches will be full restorations, maintaining the historic integrity, using as much of the Original brackets, spindles and wood where possible and the original porch drop Design as submitted rather than the latticework.

Motion seconded by Member Cole.

Roll Call: Members: Cole aye, Coleman aye, Purn aye, Zange aye, Nee aye,
Koeppel aye, Chairman Jolitz Aye.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Interview Project:

The interview team had an interview with Dawn Peter Sinclair on July 9th at Eastgate Manor. Various other names brought up are being contacted and questionnaires sent.

B. Status of our offices for August.

Chairman Jolitz asked Ben Mason to see if we could use our offices without the use of the elevator.

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C. Development of Booklet/Handout for Scouts and Children's Visits:

It was decided to develop a Booklet out of what Member Coleman had been using for her Scouts. It was decided to make 200 on the first run.

APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Development of an Old Town Walking Brochure:

Member presented a Walking Tour Sample for the Commission's consideration.

Considerable discussion took place on various aspects, with nothing resolved.

More on this at the next meeting.

B. Development of a Data Base:

This subject was discussed thoroughly and will be taken up at the next workshop meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Member Purn stated there will be a meeting on July 14th about Founders Days.

Chairman Jolitz announced that the Commission has had some excellent donations within the last several weeks: 1. The Mother's Club submitted their Minutes books and scrap books. 2. We received an early collection from Eastview - 1958. Also a collection of pictures from the Turners

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Member Purn. Motion seconded by Member Koeppe

JULY Workshops cancelled due to the use of the Historic Village Hall building by the Census Bureau for conducting the special census in the Village


Secretary

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Date Approved