

ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2008  
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – ESTABLISH QUORUM:

PRESENT: Chairman Jolitz: Members: Cole, Coleman, Purn, Zange Nee, Koeppel

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF 1-9-08 AND WORKSHOP  
MINUTES OF 1-12 AND 1-19-08:

Member Zange moved 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. PC08-02, 445 LAFOX RIVER DRIVE FOR  
WINDOW PROJECT:

PRESENT: Chairman Jolitz. Members: Cole, Coleman, Purn, Nee, Zange Koeppel  
Village: Ben Mason. Petitioner: Don Domanus

Mr Don Domanus is applying for a Certificate of Appropriateness on behalf of owner  
Dave Zumbrunn requesting permission to install a new bay window on the north side of  
the home.

In January Petitioner appeared before a Commission Hearing, at which time, the  
Commission approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Octagon window, but  
did not support the proposed bay window for aesthetic reasons.

The Petitioner redesigned the bay window and is now before the Commission for another  
hearing. The present offering is a floor-to-ceiling unit which the Commission members  
recommended during the first Hearing as being more consistent with the style of  
the homes during the turn of the century. This was brought out by photos the Petitioner  
presented of homes in the area.

The enhanced design of the bay window offers the appearance of a walk-out unit. The  
framing below the window unit will be adorned with ornamental appliques and cove  
molding to contribute toward the look of a floor-to-ceiling bay window.

The Petitioner has also addressed the Commission's preference for double-hung windows  
by adding a ¾ inch thick horizontal grid on the end casement windows to give the  
appearance of a double-hung window. The bay's center panel will be a picture window.

Chairman Jolitz asked for the overall dimension of this drop-in unit as it compared to the  
overall width of the wall where it was to be placed. Mr. Domanus advised the unit was  
about 7.5 feet in overall width and will have a 23" projection from the house. The wall  
where the unit is to be installed is about 12 feet.

Commission members Nee, Zange, Cole, Purn and Chairman Jolitz expressed concern that this unit was too large in overall width for the intended space and would look disproportionate in scale to what the scale should be. Members also commented that all the examples including the photos presented by the petitioner of other angled bay windows in the old town district all have three double hung windows, generally of the same or somewhat close to the same width. It was felt the proposed center window was currently too wide and should be double hung and not a fixed picture window.

The Petitioner and home owner stated they would be willing to make the center window narrower and add a center horizontal mullion so that it would also have the appearance of a double hung window.

At this time Member Coleman made a motion to recommend approval for the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for case No. PC08-02 with the revised plans as submitted. Chairman Jolitz restated the motion and called for a second. The motion was not seconded and motion died.

Discussion continued with Member Cole asking about the bottom edge of the windows and if there was a traditional window sill present. The Petitioner indicated there was not. He stated this prefabricated unit had no traditional framing so there is only a thin metal plate across the bottom of the windows. Members Cole and Nee asked if a piece of wood could be added at the bottom of the unit between 1 ½ to 2 inches thick to give the appearance of a "traditional window sill" to match the other windows in the house. The Petitioner indicated he could add this across the bottom of the unit if the Commission desired.

Chairman Jolitz and members Nee and Purn indicated that they were happy to see that the revised plans included an 8 inch soffit with crown moulding around the fascia above the which was representative of historic design bay windows; however, it was noted that the plan did not indicate the point (height) at which the roof on the top of the bay window would start on the wall. Commission members stated they felt that the starting point for the roof on this new window should match the starting point on the current "stick-out" window located on the front of the home. The Petitioner indicated this would not be a problem, "The matter of top height had just never been thought about in the plans submitted."

Member Nee moved to recommend approval of the request for a Certificate Of Appropriateness for the installation of a bay-window on the home located at 445 LaFox River Drive Case No. PC08-02 with the following changes to the revised plans submitted:

1. The width of the center fixed "picture window" should be reduced to a size similar to the widths of the two side windows so that the overall size of the unit would be 5 to 6 feet maximum in overall width.
2. That mullions be added to all three windows to give the appearance of double-hung windows.
3. Add an extra piece of wood across lower windows to resemble a window sill.
4. Top of roof on bay window shall be at the same height as on the present stick-out window on the front of the house.

Motion seconded by Member Zange.

Chairman Jolitz restated the motion with the four changes as recommended by Member Nee and opened the floor for further discussion. Members stated that they felt these changes greatly enhance the look of the window to that of a more traditional Victorian era design. It was also hoped that the Petitioner would add some sort of planting under the window, perhaps an evergreen to disguise the lack of a foundation under the window. It was noted that a traditional looking foundation could not be added under the widow due to all the utility service connections on the same wall as this proposed window.

Members also stated the reduced width of the unit to 5-6 feet overall will greatly help keep this window in scale with the structure. Chairman Jolitz asked the petitioner and the home owner if they had any questions regarding the suggested changes and they both indicated they felt all these changes could be accomplished.

Being no further discussion, Chairman Jolitz asked for a roll call on the motion

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 Status:

The monthly interviews are continuing with favorable results.

At this point, Chairman Jolitz asked the Interview Committee to start thinking about considering younger residents – in the age group of 60 to 65. We are slowly running out of the 70's group who are capable of being interviewed. This will be taken under consideration.

##### B. Report On Chamber Expo:

It was felt this Expo went well.

APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

A bill was submitted by Member Purn for the purchase of the following postcards:

1. A photo of Giantess Phoebe Dunn from Algonquin, formerly with P.T. Barnum.
2. Collection of Camp Algonquin Photos.
3. Creek in Towne Park
4. Turner Camp

With a total of \$109.05.

Motion by Member Nee to approve this expenditure. Motion seconded by Member Zange.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Article for Spring Issue of the Citizen:

An Article has been submitted and we have not heard back as yet

B. Plans for Preservation Month Activities:

Information was submitted to Sarah on events for the Spring Edition of the Recreation and Events Booklet.

C. Old Time Country Harvest Day 2008:

The Downtown Partnership has agreed to host this event on October 11<sup>th</sup>. This will be similar to last year and would be the Commission's Cemetery Walk also.

D. Ill. Historic Preservation Agency "Cemetery Conservation Workshop 2008":

The Commission cannot attend this workshop due to the May 17<sup>th</sup> activities in Algonquin. We should reschedule for next year so that we can attend this very important session.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

A suggestion was presented to the Commission involving the creation of a Book called the WHO'S WHO BOOK IN ALGONQUIN. Every year two people would be nominated for this book – one a living resident and one a deceased resident. These names would be presented during Preservation Month. Criteria and guidelines would be developed to follow in the choosing of these people. This suggestion was met with the approval of the Commission and will be discussed further.

Chairman Jolitz reported that he had met with a large group of Boy Scouts and parents last evening on March 11<sup>th</sup> from Troop 151.

Don Purn reported he is in communication with a member of the Morton family that are planning a visit to Algonquin this summer.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Member Purn to adjourn. Motion seconded by Member Koeppel.  
Voice Vote: All Ayes

FEBRUARY WORKSHOP MEETINGS:

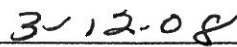
NOTE: Workshop meetings will take place on the second floor of the Historic Village Hall 2 S. Main (Rt 31)

FEBRUARY 9 WORKSHOP will be a Senior Citizen Interview Session. No other business will be conducted – 9:00 A.M.

FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> AND 23<sup>RD</sup> WORKSHOPS – 8:30 – 12:00 Noon  
These Workshops will focus on general duties, i.e., filing, sorting, research and working on various projects.

NOTE: Visitors are encouraged and welcomed to attend the regular workshop meetings and experience our local history “hands on” researching Algonquin’s past.

  
Secretary

  
Date Approved