

**ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
July 13, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER - ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present: Chairman Jolitz and Members Koeppel, Purn, Thompson, and Zange.

Absent: Member Himes (arrived at 7:34 p.m.).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2016 AND
WORKSHOP MINUTES OF JUNE 18 AND 25, 2016**

Moved: Member Zange; Seconded: Member Purn.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Minutes Approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MAJOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE
OLD TOWN DISTRICT—CASE NO. PC16-04, 44 JAYNE ST.**

VILLAGE STAFF PRESENTATION:

Ben Mason presented the case on behalf of the Village Staff. Mr. Mason explained that Mark and Mary Hartford, the property owners of 44 Jayne Street, have applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness for re-siding the house located on the property. The property in question is located on the east side of Jayne Street, near the intersection with S. Main Street. The existing horizontal aluminum siding will be removed and the entire house will be re-sided with similar 7-inch vinyl clapboard siding. The new vinyl siding will have a wood grain appearance, consistent with the manufacturer spec sheet that the Petitioners provided with their application.

Staff believes the proposed re-siding is compatible with the structure and consistent with the Preservation Code. The Staff therefore recommends approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness consistent with the Petitioners' application as submitted.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM PETITIONERS:

Petitioners explained that the color would be "pearl," which is a pale yellow, with white corner boards and other trim. Chairman Jolitz explained, however, that color choices are not subject to the Code. Petitioners also passed around a sample of the siding, and explained that it should be mold resistant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Chairman Jolitz said the project appeared to be relatively straightforward and thanked Petitioners for going through the process.

MOTION:

Motion by Member Purn to recommend the Building Commissioner issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for re-siding at 44 Jayne Street, consistent with the Petitioners' submittal; Seconded: Member Zange. Voice Vote: All Ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

Interview Project - Status Report: An interview of Ellen Green Kuroghlian is scheduled for 7/22/16 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Jolitz has a historic photo of an Eastview classroom from approximately 1956 for Ms. Green to help to identify the children if possible.

Founders Days 2016 Participation: Member Purn reported that the "car show" ("also called "cruise night") is expected to be from 3:00-7:00 on the Sunday of Founders Days. The South Main Street (to Washington Street) closure for the show has been approved, although it is not yet listed as an event on the Founder Days Website as of last week. The Commission has approval for a table near Historic Village Hall during those hours, which will be used to display the Commission's Hill Climb Books, and possibly other items.

The Lions Club also has approval for a table next to the Commission's table, and plans to use their table for a display regarding "go bags" used for disaster prep, information about them and how to put them together, and a sample of one.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase of new 4th Ed. Nomenclature Book used for accessioning: This new volume was published in late 2015; the Commission's copy is 20 years old. The Commission considered purchasing a new edition a year or so ago, but decided to wait for the new edition. The hardcopy is now available for \$115 list price, (which is considerably less expensive than the price the Commission last paid in the 1990s). Roman and Littlefield is the publisher.

Moved by Member Purn to purchase; Seconded by Member Zange. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Chairman Jolitz asked Mr. Mason to assist in acquiring a copy.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Jolitz explained the schedule for use of Historic Village Hall from September-to December 2016 will be Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Chairman Jolitz also relayed correspondence between the Commission, the Garden Club, and the Village regarding renovation of Historic Mineral Springs.

Chairman Jolitz also relayed an inquiry received from Bob Mitchard, Public Works Director, regarding the history of the water and sewer lines in the Old Town District. Mr. Mitchard was looking for information needed for purposes of formulating the plans to renovate the water and sewer lines, as part of the "Streetscape" project in the Old Town District to be undertaken in the coming years.

(Member Himes entered the meeting at 7:34 p.m.)

Member Purn updated the Commission on his project of organizing the "Henry Letters," possibly into an "E Book," in collaboration with the Algonquin Public Library. A Library Staff Member is looking into the feasibility of creating such an E Book or dedicated iPad, as well as the reproduction rights/risks associated with such a publication/database.

Member Purn also discussed his efforts to respond to an inquiry previously received from a local Girl Scout Troop interested in a historic tour. Member Himes offered to inquire about local Girl Scout troops and other children's groups that participate in the Home Depot workshop program that might be interested in such historic tours.

Chairman Jolitz also relayed messages exchanged with a member of the public looking for information regarding the Preservation Code and its impact on homes currently for sale in the Old Town District. Chairman Jolitz discussed the need to make such information available to realtors who represent properties in the District.

Mr. Mason updated the Commission's contact list with Member Himes' contact information and distributed an updated copy to all members.

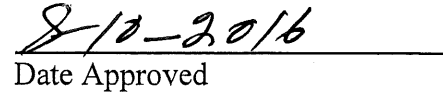
Mr. Mason also had updates on the following properties in the Old Town District: (1) the contractors working on the Vern's Taxidermy property may be seeking a COA in August to renovate the rear stairs on the home on the property; (2) the property located at 315 S. Main St. (Dr. Pacana's Dentist Office) may be seeking a COA for some improvements to the town barn in the rear of that property; (3) and the bank now holding the Algonquin Apartments Building may be seeking a COA for certain repairs renovations to that building. One or more of these properties may be scheduled for hearings next month.

At this point in the meeting, the Commission welcomed its newest member, Member Sharon Himes, and each other Member introduced him/herself to Ms. Himes and *vice versa*. Ms. Himes then inquired about historic homes in the Historic District that are not currently "plaqued," and Chairman Jolitz explained that the offering of plaques for the historic homes in the District took place about 15 years ago, and discussed the possibility of making another such offering to add/replace such plaques for homes in the District that have a need. Ms. Himes also described a recent meeting with a descendent of the man who built her home, and plans to speak with her in the future and gather additional historic information about the property.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Thompson moved, and Chairman Jolitz seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.


Secretary


Date Approved