

**ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 14, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER - ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2016 AND
WORKSHOP MINUTES OF AUGUST 20 AND 27, 2016**

Moved: Member Zange; Seconded: Member Himes.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Minutes Approved.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MAJOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE
OLD TOWN DISTRICT— CASE NO. PC16-07, 509 S. RIVER ROAD.**

VILLAGE STAFF PRESENTATION:

Ben Mason presented the case on behalf of the Village Staff. Mr. Mason explained that Petitioners George and Elizabeth Phelan seek a Certificate of Appropriateness for building a new deck on the rear of the house on their property. The property is located on the east side of S. River Road, one lot south of the intersection with Webster Street.

Petitioners propose removing the existing concrete stoop and stairs at the rear of their home, and replacing them with a new deck. Although the improvement will be behind the home and have limited visibility from the public right-of-way, staff still recommends the standard condition that the wood used for the deck be stained or treated, rather than simply raw lumber, consistent with similar projects previously approved.

Staff believes that the proposed rear deck is compatible with the design of the home and consistent with the Preservation Code. Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness with the aforementioned condition that the wood be stained or treated, and that Petitioners apply for a building permit and the stairway meet all building code requirements, including for such elements as proper railing and stair height.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM PETITIONERS:

Petitioners confirmed that the lumber proposed will be cedar.

Petitioners also inquired whether the Commission and/or Village have considered or pursued means of assisting local owners in their efforts to improve, maintain, and/or

renovate local historic properties, in the interest of improving local property values, since such efforts inure to the benefit of the Old Town District and the Village at large. Mr. Mason explained that no such grants or loans are available, but the Preservation Code, as well as other Code requirements, are intended to benefit all owners by maintaining and increasing the value of all local properties.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Chairman Jolitz inquired whether any additional lattice or skirting was intended, and Petitioners said no.

MOTION:

Motion by Member Purn to recommend the Building Commissioner issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for Case No. PC16-07 for the construction of a new deck consistent with Petitioners' submittal and the conditions listed in the September 14, 2016 Village Staff Memorandum. Seconded: Member Himes. Chairman Jolitz repeated the motion and asked of there were any further comments or questions about the project. There being none, a roll call vote was taken; All Ayes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MAJOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE OLD TOWN DISTRICT—CASE NO. PC-16-08, 303 LA FOX RIVER DRIVE.

Ben Mason again presented the case on behalf of the Village Staff. Mr. Mason explained that Petitioner Mike Clark seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for re-siding and window replacement on the house on the property in question. The property is located on the east side of La Fox River, one lot south of the intersection with Washington Street. Petitioner proposes replacing the existing 4" wood clapboard siding on the home with matching 4" horizontal vinyl or HardiePlank lap siding.

Mr. Mason reminded the Commission that Petitioner had previously proposed using 3" siding back in 2012. While the narrower 3" width would have matched the appearance of the detached garage on the property (which was a later addition), it would not have been consistent with the design of the home. Provided the material is 4" wide consistent with the current appearance of the home, staff would support the project along with conditions that 6" corner boards and 10" frieze boards under the eaves be retained.

Petitioner will also be replacing all the double-hung windows on the home with new double-hung units of the same size. Staff believes that such re-siding and window replacement would be compatible with the design of the home and consistent with the Preservation Code, and therefore recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness for the entire project with the following conditions:

- 1) The owner shall submit a spec sheet of the siding material to be included with the building permit application.

- 2) The home's 6" corner boards and 10" frieze board shall be retained.
- 3) The new double-hung windows shall match the size and appearance of the home's existing windows.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM PETITIONERS:

Petitioner brought some photos of siding samples he is considering and circulated them for Commission Members to view. Petitioner explained that he is also considering 5" boards, but will use at least 4" boards, and that 6" corner and 10" frieze boards will be retained as stated in the above conditions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Member Himes inquired what type of windows were intended for the basement, and Petitioner said he is considering vinyl windows as close as possible to the design of those currently installed. Chairman Jolitz inquired, and Petitioner confirmed, that the same design and number of lites (panes of glass) in each window would be retained in the design of any new windows, and that the eaves and soffits would be retained. Petitioner replied yes for window design and soffits & fascia would be retained but probably be just painted and not covered with Aluminum or Vinyl.

MOTION:

Motion by Member Thompson to recommend the Building Commissioner issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for Case No. PC16-08 for re-siding and window replacement at 303 La Fox River Drive, consistent with Petitioner's submittal and the above conditions and those listed in the September 14, 2016 Village Staff memorandum. Seconded by Member Zange. Chairman Jolitz repeated the motion and asked if there were any additional questions or comments about the project or the Motion. There being none a roll call vote was taken: All Ayes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MAJOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE OLD TOWN DISTRICT—CASE NO. PC-16-09, 108 JACKSON STREET.

Ben Mason again presented the case on behalf of the Village Staff. Mr. Mason explained that Petitioner Tamas Toth recently re-sided the house and garage at 108 Jackson Street, and the Village mistakenly issued a building permit without first requiring the project be reviewed by the Historic Commission. Village Staff therefore presented this petition after-the-fact. The property is located on Jackson Street, between S. River Road and S. Hubbard Street. Prior to the recent re-siding project, the exterior had wide 8" aluminum siding that was not compatible with the mid-nineteenth century Greek Revival design of the home.

The new siding that has been installed has a much narrower 4" profile that is more consistent with the historic character of the house. While it may have been more appropriate to retain a frieze board under the eaves and install wider corner boards, the corner boards that were installed are wider than what was on the home previously and staff believes that the work that was done greatly enhances the property's curb appeal.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM PETITIONER:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Chairman Jolitz stated his agreement that the siding chosen and installed by Petitioner was a fine choice and enhanced the appearance of the home. Chairman Jolitz also inquired, and Petitioner confirmed, that the newly installed siding is vinyl.

MOTION:

Motion by Member Zange for Case No. PC16-09 to recommend the Building Commissioner schedule a final inspection of the work completed on the re-siding project at 108 Jackson. Seconded by Member Thompson. Chairman Jolitz repeated the Motion and asked if there were any further questions. Being no further discussion he called for a roll call vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Interview Project - Status Report: No new interviews are currently scheduled, but several are being contemplated.

Request for Photos for use at the Clarendale Senior Living Community: Mary Riley of Art Environments, Inc. whom had first contacted Chairman Jolitz in May, recently met with Member Purn, and selected approximately 15 images she wished to use in the new facility, after which Chairman Jolitz sent Ms. Riley a letter explaining that the images were to only be used for this one time single use as a wall decoration for the décor of the facility, and asked Mary Riley to confirm her agreement to this single use and return the agreement. She has acknowledged and returned the agreement to the Commission. The images have now been sent to Ms. Riley, and the Commission has received a \$750 donation from her company in return for the Commission's agreement for the use of the images at her clients – Clarendale Senior Living Center facility in Algonquin.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Himes reported on her efforts to make a connection with local scout troop leaders, to try to arrange potential scout troop visits to the Historic Commission and/or other local historic sites. She is currently waiting to hear back from the people to which she has reached out. Member Purn also reported on his efforts to find a contact with the local Girl Scout troop to arrange similar visits.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

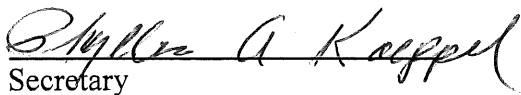
Chairman Jolitz shared information concerning next Wednesday's Joint Council of Historic Groups fall meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2016. He will be out of town and was in hopes other member(s) might be able to attend the meeting which is being held in Crystal Lake.

Member Purn shared information regarding the Civil War Group's cemetery walk at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 8, 2016. The event is being organized in conjunction with the Algonquin Public Library, and will highlight the lives of five of the various civil war veterans that are buried in our cemetery.

Member Purn also reported on his continued research regarding Col. Goshen and Phebe Dunn and the property Ms. Dunn acquired in 1866 on South River Dr.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Thompson moved, and Member Zange seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.


Secretary

10-12-16
Date Approved