

ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13, 2009
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – ESTABLISH QUORUM:

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 8 AND WORKSHOP MEETINGS OF APRIL 18-25, 2009:

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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE OLD TOWN DISTRICT, CASE NO. PC09-02, 604 LAFOX RIVER DRIVE FOR RESIDING AND NEW WINDOWS AND DOORS.

PETITIONER: CARL CARLSON

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

Mr. Mason reported that Petitioner recently purchased this property and began boarding up the exterior of home to seal it, while at the same time replacing and/or removing windows and doors. This was done without a building permit and the Village placed a Stop Work Order on the project, met with the homeowner to schedule a review of the proposed improvements by the Historic Commission.

Petitioner applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness requesting permission for the following renovations:

Remove and replace all existing siding and replace with vinyl double-four horizontal siding.

Replace all existing windows with high-efficiency matching windows. Replace large picture window with a smaller window opening. Large window on the west side to be replaced with smaller window opening to match two existing windows.

Remove center window pane on rear of home above shed.

Seal to entrances onto the deck at rear i.e. a fixed doorway and a sliding glass entrance. Petitioner installed a window in place of the sliding glass door and is proposing to install siding over the remainder of that wall including the large horizontal window opening that has been boarded up

Remove sliding glass door off master bedroom to the rear and add a smaller window opening in its place.

Reduce size of opening of window on the far east side of deck.

Building code calls for a bedroom window to be no higher than 44 inches above the floor. If approval is recommended the Petitioner shall comply with this code requirement.

Staff feels the request for a COA requesting re-siding and window and door replacement will enhance the exterior appearance and is consistent with the Preservation Code. Staff recommends approval with the following conditions:

1. Petitioner to submit a set of plans for building permit review, showing all of the proposed improvements.
2. Elevations submitted on 4-15-09 shall be revised and the height of bedroom windows shall comply with Algonquin's building requirements.
3. Every bedroom shall have at least one window with a sill height not more than 44 inches above the floor with a minimum net clear opening of 5 square feet with a minimum net clear height of 24 inches; with a minimum net clear width of 20 inches.

After further discussion and consideration a motion was made by Member Koeppel To recommend approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 604 LaFox River Drive Case No. PC09-02 with the understanding that Petitioner comply with Village Code recommendations as outlined above and that Petitioner work closely with Village Staff on this renovation project.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr Wayne Ritt of LaFox River Drive agreed that the change of windows and siding will add a great deal.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Interview Project: An interview was conducted with the William Rudzinskis. A June interview with Jack Bolger is scheduled

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- B. Article for Village Newsletter – Summer Edition:
An article was submitted on the Old Village Hall
- C. May 17th Open House:
Plans have been finalized for the Open House and Walking Tour
- D. Report On MCC Council Meeting:
Member Purn attended this meeting and stated Preservation Ordinances are now being challenged and it is now up to the Supreme Court. The presenters were the Illinois Landmark Preservation Council

APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Program At Congregational Church:
Chairman Jolitz made a presentation before the Men's Fellowship membership with invited wives. He spoke on the history of the church and the role played in the development of the community.
- B. Cemetery Walk 2009:
The Commission is planning on starting immediately on this event. Scout troops and Presenters need to be contacted soon.

CORRESPONDENCE COMMENTS OR OTHER BUSINESS:

Member Purn stated he has acquired several postcards – one of Camp Algonquin plus a Cornish envelope

ADJOURNMENT:

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


Secretary

6-10-09
Date Approved