ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JUNE 14, 2017 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER -ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF MAY 10, 2017, SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING OF MAY 20, 2017, AND WORKSHOP MEETINGS OF MAY 20 AND 27, 2017

Moved: Member Zange; Seconded: Member Purn.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Minutes Approved.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Poole from the Veterans Network Committee ("VNC") of Northern Illinois attended the meeting to advise the Commission of his Committee's efforts to honor veterans, and also to present a plaque, in appreciation of the community's recent assistance with those efforts (including Member Purn's assistance on behalf of the Historic Commission and various community members on behalf of the Village's Founders Days events). The plaque reads: "The Veterans Network Committee is Honored to Present Community Award to Founders Day Event. This Award is Given to Any Legislative Community or City that Has Supported the VNC over the Past Year by Showing Individual Support to All the Veterans And Their Families Within our Community."

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE OLD TOWN DISTRICT – Case No. PC17-04, 20 W. ALGONQUIN RD.

VILLAGE STAFF PRESENTATION:

Ben Mason presented the case on behalf of the Village. Mr. Mason explained that Charles Kaskadden, on behalf of Port Edward Restaurant at 20 W. Algonquin Road, has applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness for adding an outdoor bar covered roof structure located in the existing dining patio area on the property in question. The property is located north of Algonquin Road, between the Fox River and N. Harrison Street. The property owner is proposing to construct an outdoor bar within the restaurant's patio dining space along the river.

Mr. Mason further explained that the bar area would be covered by a permanent roof structure that would be similar in appearance to the restaurant's car port entrances, and would consist of cedar posts and architectural shake shingles. The roof structure will be free-standing in the patio and not attached to the restaurant building, and the bar beneath it will be a moveable structure that will be moved on and off the patio seasonably and as weather permits.

Staff believes that the proposed roof structure above the outdoor bar is compatible with the materials and design of the restaurant and consistent with the Preservation Code. Staff therefore recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness with the following condition: The owner shall submit necessary construction drawings for such items as footings, plumbing, and electric as part of a building permit application for the outdoor bar.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM PETITIONER:

Petitioner was represented at the meeting by Ziya Senturk, VP of Operations of Port Edward Restaurant, who offered to answer any questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Member Purn inquired how long the roof will be, and Mr. Senturk explained that it would be approximately twelve feet wide and ten feet deep, and would run perpendicular to the river.

Chairman Jolitz inquired about the height of the structure, and Mr. Senturk explained that it would be between twelve and fifteen feet high, so as not to block the restaurant's windows and view of the river from the second floor dining area.

MOTION:

Motion by Member Purn to recommend that the Building Commissioner issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for Case No. PC-17-04 for adding an outdoor bar roof structure located in the existing dining patio on the property in question, consistent with the Petitioner's submittal and the conditions listed in the June 14, 2017 Village Staff Memorandum. Seconded by Member Thompson. Chairman Jolitz repeated the Motion and asked for any further questions or comments. There being none, a Roll Call Vote was taken. All Ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

<u>Interview Project – Status Report:</u> No new interviews are currently scheduled, but several are being contemplated as the Commission's interview files are being organized and materials and interview recordings are being preserved.

<u>Summer Activities:</u> Member Purn reported that the "Cruisin' Nights" Car Show will take place on Sunday July 30, 2017, from 3-7 p.m., and will include an extra block (to Madison Street) compared to the area the event covered last year. The Commission plans to have a table on Main Street in HVH Park during the event, and will make inquiries with the Village regarding any requirements to have such a table and/ to gain access to Historic Village Hall to get our display materials during the event and put them back afterwards.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

No bills were submitted, but Chairman Jolitz reported that he submitted to the Village the check the Commission received from the DAR as an Honorarium for Member Purn's presentation to that organization.

NEW BUSINESS:

<u>Historic/Vintage Structure Identification Signs:</u> Discussion was had regarding possible vendors for the plaques to be offered through this program. The Commission will seek suggestions of possible vendors, and perhaps contact Public Works, and will research at an upcoming workshop what vendors were used when the program was last offered.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Member Purn reported on an inquiry received from someone in Texas for historic information regarding one of the Algonquin Geister families for purposes of preparing a family tree.

Member Purn also reported on his communications with former Algonquin resident Dawn Seda since the last workshop, and her donation to the Commission of three books that she authored under the penname Dawn Scala.

Member Purn and Chairman Jolitz updated the Commission on the completion of work by the local Eagle Scout troop at the Historic Mineral Spring site, and the need for a more permanent sign marking the site. It is very encouraging that people have been seen walking over to the current sign to read the information and see the vintage photos of this significant Historic Site for our community.

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Zange moved, and Chairman Jolitz seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Secretary

Date Approved