

**ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

January 10, 2018

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER –ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present: Chairman Jolitz and Members Purn, Himes, Zange, Pawula, and Lewis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF December 13, 2017, AND WORKSHOP MEETINGS OF December 16, 2017.

Moved: Member Zange with the correction of Bob Mitchell in minutes to Bob Mitchard;
Seconded: Member Purn.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Minutes Approved.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – PUBLIC COMMENT

None

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A MAJOR
IMPROVEMENT IN THE OLD TOWN– Case No. PC17-08, 109 Division Street for
Garage Renovations – new siding, door(s), and roof.
Petitioner: Anthony Suwanski**

VILLAGE STAFF PRESENTATION:

Proposed Improvement

The property owner is proposing to make some repairs to the garage structure, which is set back slightly from the main house. Two improvements that fall under the purview of the Preservation Code are re-siding of the garage exterior, as well as, installation of a new overhead door. The homeowner intends to re-side the garage in the style of the fiber cement shake shingles currently on the main home; the material will be a more modern product, however, most likely vinyl.

A spec sheet is enclosed showing the proposed overhead garage door, which would be a square panel design identified as 'Colonial' by the manufacturer Wayne Dalton. If space allows on the garage exterior, Staff recommends incorporating one of the decorative window inserts available as part of the model series, either the Clear II or Stockton I which both offer geometric shapes consistent with the main field of the overhead door itself.

Recommendation

Staff believes that the proposed garage repairs are compatible with the design of the home and consistent with the Preservation Code. Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted with the condition that a decorative window insert – such as the Clear II or Stockton II – be incorporated above the overhead garage door if space allows.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

none

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Chairman Jolitz said either the Sonoma or Colonial door designs suggested by Petitioner would be consistent with a house built in 1907, and agreed with staff that the garage door should feature some type of window element. The lite grid pattern of either Cascade I or Stockton I would be okay. Petitioner was also informed that cement siding materials are still made but the material is not as important as maintaining the proper design style is.

Ben Mason asked Mr. Suwanski if he agreed to incorporate the window element as suggested by staff and discussed. Mr. Suwanski agreed.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM PETITIONER:

Mr. Suwanski asked how long the permit was valid because he did not believe that construction would begin soon. Ben Mason said six months. Mr. Suwanski asked if he could delay in applying for permit until it closer to construction time. Ben Mason said that was okay. The recommendation of the Commission would still be valid.

MOTION:

Motion by Member Himes, seconded by Member Pawula that the Building Commissioner issue the Certificate of Appropriateness for a Major Improvement in the Old Town District - Case No. PC17-08, 109 Division Street for Garage Renovations – new siding, door(s), and roof , consistent with staff recommendations and design discussions including window in garage door. Motion was repeated, there being no further questions or discussion, Roll Call Vote was taken; All Ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Vintage Structure Identification Sign order status – 23 signs ordered, most delivered. The Commission will reconcile sign orders with receipts at the next workshop.
- b. Current Exhibits in Library and Village Hall lobby cases - We are still waiting to hear from the library about when we should empty the display case. Possible idea for Village Hall display: Sports/Baseball.
- c. Budget for next fiscal year, May 2018 thru April 2019. Discussion included \$1200 – \$1,500 for supplies and \$500 for membership in the McHenry County Historic Society. Member Purn requested \$170 for a box of document sleeves and a new cart for transporting items from storage. Ideas and concerns expressed with focus on how to work with limits of current storage areas and how to best maximize full potential of space was discussed.
- d. Scout visit - a Scout Pack had scheduled for a visit for the evening of 1/08 and Member Purn gave a presentation to 28 Boy Scouts plus some parents and Troop Leaders about Algonquin History at HVH. .

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

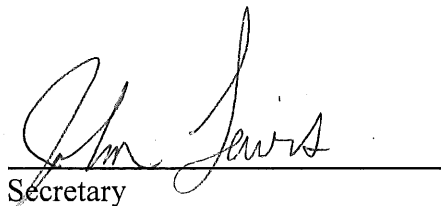
- a. January 27, 2018 Scout Troop visits to HVH – No one signed up for the 01/27 Scout Troop Visit date as advertised in the village's Winter Recreation Dept Book.. Troop Leaders advised that Saturdays are difficult for scheduling the kids.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. Shooting Star: Member Purn spoke the Sara Murray, Director of the library about going to library board to approach them about a possible spot in the library for the Shooting Star statue. It was advised not at this time but possibly in the future .
- b. Chamber Expo – Chairman Jolitz advised he was contacted by Russ Farnum and informed that the Commission will be able to have a 4x8 booth at the Expo on 2/24 from 9-4.
- c. Member Purn asked about the decorative cement inserts from 101 S. Main. Ben Mason will ask Russ Farnum about them.
- d. Member Purn has updated the database with additional entries.
- e. Ben Mason announced that the Village will be having a public kickoff meeting for the downtown reconstruction project at St. John's Lutheran Church on 1/26 from 3-5 pm. The Village Engineer, public works employees, and the marketing consultant, Metro Strategies, will attend. Construction will begin in February with the excavation of the road bed, new water and sewer lines, and the burying of utilities.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Jolitz moved, and Member Purn seconded, that the meeting be adjourned.
Voice Vote: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.


Secretary


Date Approved