

ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

May 8, 2019

7:00 P.M.

Held at Historic Village Hall - 2 South Main St. — Algonquin

Call to order – Establish Quorum

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

Approval of Minutes of Regular Business Meeting on April 10, and Workshop Meetings on April 20 and April 27, 2019. Moved: Member Zange; Seconded: Member Dombrowski

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Minutes Approved.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing for Consideration of a Major Improvement in the Old Town District; Case No. PC19-02, 106 South Main St, for new Exterior Door Entrance. Petitioner: John Zheng

VILLAGE STAFF PRESENTATION

A previous owner of the building removed and bricked-over a doorway entrance on the south side of the structure, as depicted in the photos provided by staff. The current owner, Mr. Zheng, is proposing to re-open the entrance in the same location. Staff located a photo from the early 1990s showing what appeared to be a darker color (brown?) doorway on the south side of the building. Attached is a spec sheet for a new steel door provided by the petitioner, but staff was hoping for additional information or additional images the Historic Commission might have would be helpful in determining what type of door design would be most appropriate for this building.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed improvements, subject to the following conditions:

1. The petitioner shall be required to obtain a building permit to install a new door on the south side of the building.

2. The petitioner shall be required to comply with the Historic Commission's recommendations for the design and appearance of the door (for example, wood grain material, window opening, etc).
3. Staff recommends that the petitioner use a door with a historic character, a door with a six panel design, in keeping with the historic nature of the building instead of a flat steel (smooth Slab) door.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Members suggested that the petitioner use a door with some kind of architectural design. Chairman Jolitz indicated a door with 6 small window panes and raised 2 panel design, because it is more in keeping with the windows that would have existed at the time the building was built. Commission presented pictures and store Ads of several examples of doors currently available from the big box Home Building centers which would be suitable. Several had small lites (windows) at the top and came with a raised panel design below which would be fine. The door needs to be at least 36' wide.

Petitioner agrees with commission suggestions for a raised panel door with some kind of window lites in the top of the door.

MOTION:

Motion by Member Dombrowski, seconded by Member Himes, that the Building Commissioner issue the requested Certificate of Appropriateness for for new Exterior Door Entrance at 106 South Main Street consistent with commission recommendations for a raised panel door of at least 36' with 6 small windows and 2 panels . Motion was repeated , being no further discussion Chairman Jolitz called for a vote. Voice Vote: All Aves. Motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing for Consideration of a Major Improvement in the Old Town District; Case No. PC19-03, 102 North River Rd, to rebuild Detached Garage Structure.

Petitioner Garry Zack

VILLAGE STAFF PRESENTATION

The petitioner purchased the property a couple years ago and has continued to operate a marina along the riverfront. The sole remaining building on the lot is a stand-alone garage structure that has a lower level with bathrooms for the marina customers. The garage is accessed off N. River Road.

The roof of the building collapsed over the winter and the petitioner obtained a demolition permit from the village to remove the damaged garage portion, with the requirement that any new construction / rebuilding of the garage be reviewed by the Historic Commission.

A similar detached garage structure to what was located on the property previously will be built. The garage will have a pitched roof, and the petitioner is proposing double 4-inch vinyl siding but is open to any comments or recommendations from the commission.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed improvement, subject to the following condition:

1. The petitioner shall be required to obtain all necessary building permits from the Algonquin Community Development Department prior to starting construction.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Member Chairman Jolitz suggests that the petitioner use a “carriage door design” with a raised panel and small lites across the top – as many others have used in the Historic Old Town area. He also said that vinyl and aluminum siding, soffit and fascia would be okay providing the siding should be 3 to 4 inch width design and corner boards must be 4-6 inch (traditional full corner board design). The roof pitch design is acceptable. Members suggest that the service door be raised panel design and not a smooth slab.

MOTION:

Motion by Member Dombrowski, seconded by Member Himes, that the Building Commissioner issue the requested Certificate of Appropriateness for for new Exterior Door Entrance at 102 North River Rd consistent with commission recommendations for raised panel doors- preferably in a “carriage door” type design with lites at the top, siding with a reveal of 3-4 inches and a 4-6 inch corner board. Chairman Jolitz repeated Motion , being no further discussion , he called for a vote. Voice Vote: All Aves. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Continuing Main Street work and work around HVH. Work continues on the bridge and plaza at HVH. Parking is limited near HVH during work.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Historic Commission Annual Report. – Chairman Jolitz asked if anyone would like to prepare this year's Annual Report for the Commission. No offers from other members. Jolitz said he would try to write one next month.

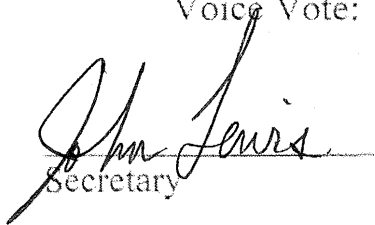
CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. Traditionally the Commission has donated 5 Hill Climb Books to Lions Club for their bean bag tournament and raffle. Motion by Chairman Jolitz to do it again, seconded by Member Pawula. Voice Vote: All Ayes.
- b. The real estate market in old town is vibrant with many Properties selling quickly.
- c. Doorbell: It is not in working order currently. There needs to signs on front of building indicating where the door bell is. Access to the elevator is an issue at times.
- d. New Owners of 414 N. Main came to the commission, they were interest in the history of the property and about possible renovations to their house.
- e. The Chamber will be having an event on June 22 in downtown.
- f. Art on the Fox will be at Town Park on June 15 and 16.
- g. Summer Concerts will be in Town Park, starting mid-July

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Himes motioned and Lewis seconded, that the meeting be adjourned.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.


Secretary


Date Approved