

ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

July 10, 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, Pawula, Purn, and Lewis

Approval of Minutes of Regular Business Meeting on June 12, and Workshop Meetings on June 15 and June 22, 2019. Moved: Member Dombrowski; Seconded: Member Pawula

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. PC19-07, 214 Mound Street, for Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of an attached garage on the west side of the house.
Petitioner: Al Grzybek

VILLAGE STAFF PRESENTATION

The owner is proposing to build a two-car garage addition with gabled rooflines to match the home. Enclosed is a rendering provided by the property owner and at right is a photograph showing the proposed location, just west (left) of the existing home's garage.

The house currently has 8-inch cedar wood siding and staff recommends the petitioner utilize 8-inch vinyl siding (rather than metal) to match the profile of the house siding. Staff also recommends the petitioner install architectural roof shingles – rather than standing seam metal – consistent with the residential character of the home.

Recommendation

Staff believes the proposed addition would be compatible with the design of the existing home and is consistent with the Preservation Code standards. Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed

garage addition, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The petitioner shall use 8” vinyl siding on the garage addition, to match the size and profile of the existing home’s 8” cedar wood siding.
- 2) The petitioner shall use architectural shingles for the roof of the garage addition.
- 3) The petitioner shall be required to submit a building permit application and obtain all necessary permits from the Algonquin Community Development Department prior to the start of construction.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Ben Mason stated that Mound Street roadway is vacated with half of the land going to the village and the other part the homeowner. Al Grzybek stated that the garage will be behind the house and will not be visible from the street. Chairman Jolitz said that the garage doors , both overhead and service doors should have raised panels (rather than a flat slab as shown on drawing) to be consistent with most others in Old Town. Member Purn remarked that the garage will be huge and asked whether it will be higher than the residence. The petitioner stated no, it will be as high as the roofline of the house and it is set back and behind the house (actually along the west side of current garage and house) so it will not have much visibility from Main Street. Member Purn noted that the village owns the parcel on Mound Street and asked if there would ever be further development on the hill. Ben Mason stated no, the hillside will remain “greenspace” with trees, etc. and not developed.

Member Purn then asked whether there would be windows in garage and service door, as without windows it would look like a “pole barn” building. The petitioner said there would be windows and it would not look like a pole barn. The petitioner confirmed that siding, windows, service door and raised panels will all be residential in nature and design.

Chairman Jolitz and other Commissioners all expressed concerns over the Height and Scale of the proposed building but noted that this particular setting is very unique, set against woodlands, and mostly to be visually blocked by the house, etc. making it largely hidden from “public view”, unlike other locations in the Old Town district. As such members agreed that this was a unique situation and a garage or outbuilding of such Mass and Scale would in general NOT be appropriate for any other location in the Old Town District.

MOTION:

Motion by Chairman Jolitz, seconded by Member Pawula, that the Building Commissioner issue the requested Certificate of Appropriateness for the attached garage addition at 214 Mound Street, Case No. PC19-07, consistent with the petitioner's submittal and his comments about height, and that doors will be raised panel and siding and all windows be residential in design. It is further understood that this recommendation for approval on this project is also based on the unique setting and location of the property, being generally out of public view. Chairman Jolitz repeated the Motion and asked for additional comments or questions. Being none, a Roll Call vote was taken. Vote: All Ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Continuing Main Street work and work around HVH. Work continues on the bridge but will not be done by Founders Days. Parade is re-routed to South Harrison Street.
- b. Library exhibit is in place. "Wearable History" featuring local advertising Hats and T-Shirts from 1969 - 2019. It is very colorful!

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Rotary Harvest Days in October - Don Purn will contact Helen Jost to see where and when it will be held and whether we can get a space without a fee.

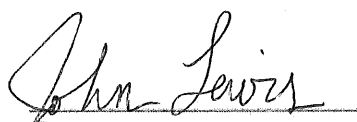
CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS:

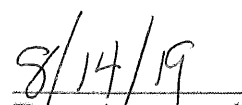
- a. The workshop on 6/22/2019 did not have a quorum but we had 3 visitors.
- b. Don Purn displayed the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Chamber of Commerce Publication in the newspaper that included a history of Algonquin and Algonquin Postcards. No photo credits appeared in the publication.
- c. There will be no workshop on 7/27 because of Founders Days.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Jolitz moved and Member Lewis seconded, that the meeting be adjourned.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.


Secretary


Date Approved