

# **ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING**

**December 11, 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 Zange, Himes, Purn, and Dombrowski

**Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 13, and Workshop Meetings of November 16 and 23, 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. PC19-13, 20 W. Algonquin Rd., for Exterior Deck Improvements including Stair & Door replacement.

Petitioner: Ziya Senturk.

### **STAFF PRESENTATION**

The petitioner is proposing to rebuild the stairs and enlarge slightly the deck area on the east side of the building; the area in question was shown in a photo staff provided. The improvements would be in the same design and materials as existing. A new door opening would also be installed facing the river. The petitioner shall be required to provide Staff with a manufacturer spec sheet for the proposed door unit.

#### Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed deck improvements at 20 W. Algonquin Road, subject to the following conditions:

1. The petitioner shall be required to obtain a building permit from the Algonquin Community Development Department prior to starting construction.

2. The new exterior door shall have a window and the petitioner shall be required to provide Staff with a manufacturer spec sheet.

## COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Chairman Jolitz asked the petitioner whether the door will have one window opening in the door and whether it will be a wooden door. The petitioner said it would.

## MOTION:

Motion by Member Himes, seconded by Member Dombrowski, that the Building Commissioner issue the requested Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed exterior deck improvements at 20 W. Algonquin Road, consistent with petitioner's submittal and the conditions listed in the December 11, 2019, 2019 Village Staff memorandum. Chairman Jolitz repeated Motion and asked if there were any further comments or questions, being none, a Roll Call Vote was taken: All Ayes.

## PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing for Consideration of a Major Improvement in the Old Town District;

Case No. PC19-14, 113 S. Main St., for Window Improvements to North side of building.

Petitioner: Randy Errington - Algonquin Partners LLC.

## STAFF PRESENTATION

The petitioner is proposing to remove the exterior bricks and open back up some of the 7 large former window openings on the north side of the building. A photo was supplied showing 1 of the windows that Staff permitted the property owner to remove the brick to first determine what was underneath – which was Glass Block windows. The petitioner is not proposing any changes, simply repairs to any panes/ glass blocks that are damaged.

### Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed window improvements at 113 S. Main Street, subject to the following conditions:

1. The petitioner shall be required to obtain a building permit from the Algonquin Community Development Department prior to starting construction.

2. The petitioner shall be required to provide verification to Staff that the original windows meet current code for fire rating.

## COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Petitioner is not sure whether he wants to open all seven windows, but would like to open the 4 windows on the old section of the building (not the ones in the rear addition to the building) . He would also perhaps like to work on the front facade but that will be later and is not part of this current project. Member Purn would like to know what we are approving: just the opening of the windows or others changes. Chairman Jolitz said it would be just opening the windows. The original windows were metal framed industrial glass windows. They were replaced later with glass block windows. The Petitioner advised that he was able to find and purchase a pallet and a half of Vintage ca 1930's glass blocks that match those in the building currently. So, he can replace any damaged or broken glass blocks with exact vintage replacements.

Member Purn wanted to know what the petitioner would do if he removed Bricks from any of the openings and found that the glass blocks were not there anymore behind the Bricks on any of the openings. The petitioner said that he would play it by ear and that if need be he would leave one bricked over, if he needed to. It would all be contingent on the cost of the project. He is also planning on keeping all the bricks he removes for re-use if needed.

## MOTION:

Motion by Member Purn, seconded by Member Himes, that the Building Commissioner issue the requested Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed window improvements at 113 S. Main Street, consistent with petitioner's submittal and the conditions listed in the December 11, 2019 Village Staff memorandum and that the approval would be for re-opening any number of the window opening on the North wall, from just one to all seven as petitioner would like to do. Chairman Jolitz repeated Motion and asked if there were any further comments or questions, being none a Roll Call Vote was taken: All Ayes.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Assistance to Algonquin Public Art Commission, as they continue to explore ideas for murals in select locations of Algonquin's Old Town. Julie from the Public Art Commission will try to meet with Chairman Jolitz over the holidays. Chairman Jolitz said that the commission will have to come up with some ideas for the murals and we will help them. Arts Commission is looking into installations that will include lighting and sculpture installations. They are looking to start it with a mural on a wall on Port Edward Restaurant and then move onto to other locations.

- b. Assistance to Jenn Frantik, working on her thesis project, which is focused on options for a re-development of the vacant parcel at south side of Algonquin Rd, from Main to Harrison streets. Chairman Jolitz met with her for 2 hours on 11/29 and gave her materials and information. She is trying to come of with a plan that would incorporate the historic architecture of downtown.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Budget for next fiscal year – Chairman Jolitz advised that the Commission's new budget proposal is due by end of January and asked all members to start thing about any of our needs, so we can discuss and review next month.

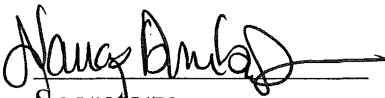
**CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a. Don Purn prepared a certificate of appreciation for Darlene Knigge who has retired from cutting newspaper clippings for the Commission after 5 years. The commission members "passed the hat " and chipped in and bought a "Thank you" Gift Card from an Old Town business as our way to show our appreciation of her work for over five years from the Commission members.
- b. Member Purn would like to replace the photo mural downstairs with a non-sepia print because sepia fades more quickly than black and white. And the large first floor room gets a lot of sun light from the top of the arched windows. The photo mural dates from early 2000, so it is nearly 20 years old.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Member Himes moved and Dombrowski seconded, that the meeting be adjourned.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

  
Secretary

1-8-2020  
Date Approved