

**ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER - ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2017 AND
WORKSHOP MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2017**

Moved: Member Himes; Seconded: Member Zange.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Minutes Approved.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE
OLD TOWN DISTRICT – Case No. PC-17-01, 220 N. MAIN ST.**

VILLAGE STAFF PRESENTATION:

Ben Mason presented the case on behalf of the Village. Mr. Mason explained that Al Grzybek, the property owner, has submitted a building permit application for a side porch addition on the building at 220 N. Main Street. The property is located on North Main Street, south of Edward Street.

The property owner is proposing to construct an enclosed porch on the south side of the structure, which is home to "The Dog Place" business. The proposed side porch would be enclosed and match the design of the front porch, consisting of a painted wood exterior, double hung windows and a pitched roofline, all to match the design of the existing enclosed front porch.

Staff believes that the proposed side porch addition is compatible with the design of the home and consistent with the Preservation Code. Staff therefore recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM PETITIONER:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Chairman Jolitz inquired if the porch design included an internal staircase to the basement, and Petitioner explained that the staircase was existing and would now be become enclosed within the new porch in this project. The Petitioner also explained that he had confirmed to Village Staff that the porch would be placed a sufficient distance from any easement and lot line requirements.

Chairman Jolitz inquired whether the side porch windows would have transoms to match the windows on the front of the building. Petitioner explained that he was contemplating installing transoms, and ultimately requested during the hearing to amend his proposal to include a request to install transoms above the new porch addition windows, in the event he decides to do so.

Member Zange inquired whether the porch addition's roofline elevation would be the same as the roofline on the front porch. Petitioner explained that it would be the same elevation, and any indication to the contrary in the drawing was due to the drawing not being to scale.

Chairman Jolitz asked if the windows on the south side of the building would be retained. Petitioner said yes, and that also the current window on the south stairway wall of the structure (which would now look into the new porch addition) would be retained..

MOTION:

Motion by Member Purn to recommend that the Building Commissioner issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for Case No. PC-17-01 for the addition of an enclosed side porch at 220 N. Main Street, consistent with the petitioner's submittal, Petitioner's representation that the porch roofline, windows, and general appearance of the new porch addition will be same as the existing front porch addition, and Petitioner's possible addition of transoms above the windows as in the current front porch addition, if the Petitioner decides to do that. Seconded by Member Thompson. Chairman Jolitz repeated the motion and asked if there were any further comments or questions, being none he called for a vote. Voice Vote: All Ayes, Motion Approved .

OLD BUSINESS:

Interview Project – Status Report: No new interviews are currently scheduled, but several are being contemplated. Arrangements to give questionnaires to potential interviewees will be discussed at upcoming workshops.

Report on Participation in Winterfest Expo Held at Jacobs School 2/17/17: Chairman Jolitz and Members Purn, Thompson, and Lewis reported on their attendance at the Winterfest Expo. Member Purn also reported that the Clarendale of Algonquin Senior Living Center had a booth at the Expo, and Colleen Straka of the Clarendale approached Member Purn about giving a presentation on Algonquin History at the Center on April 20, 2017. Arrangements for Member Purn to give that presentation are underway.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Jolitz reported that the Commission's Annual Report is due at the end of April and in the drafting stage.

Member Purn suggested having permanent name tags made for each Commission Member for use at events such as the Winterfest Expo. The Commission will discuss possible vendors for such a purchase at an upcoming workshop.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Jolitz reported on a phone call received from a private investigator researching car dealerships in Algonquin between 1958 and 1960. Chairman Jolitz responded to the inquiry after researching the issue in some of the Commission's vintage phonebooks.

Chairman Jolitz also reported that the next Joint Council Meeting of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission will be on March 22, 2017 at the Lake Villa 1912 "Summer Cottage" of Edward John and Florence Lehmann.

The Commission received a further inquiry received from Mary Allen, a past visitor to the Commission's workshops, seeking additional information for the her Music History of McHenry county research project she is doing regarding the Indigo Lounge in the Iron Skillet Restaurant in preparation for an upcoming Library presentation. Chairman Jolitz gathered information and articles from our files has sent it to Ms. Allen.

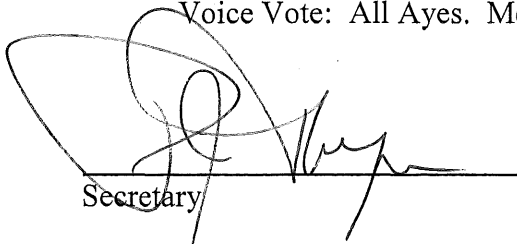
Member Purn expressed interest in the Commission reviewing our archival procedures and prioritizing the cataloging of certain Commission artifacts. Member Purn also raised the need to address the Commission's need for additional storage space.

Members Purn and Lewis reported that they have replied to an inquiry from the Village expressing their desire to continue their appointments for an additional three-year terms.

Mr. Mason reported on a replica model of the Schooner "Algonquin" recently commissioned by the Village, is now on display in the Main Village Hall lobby. He also reported on the upcoming luncheon planned to discuss the potential establishment of a Downtown Business Organization in the Old Town District.

ADJOURNMENT:

Member Zange moved, and Member Himes seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


Secretary

4/12/17
Date Approved