

# ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION

## MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

June 13, 2018

7:00 P.M.

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

### Call to order – Establish Quorum

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

### Approval Minutes of Minutes Regular Business Meeting of May 9, and Workshop Meetings of May 19 and 26, 2018

Moved: Member Himes; Seconded: Member Zange

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. PC18-05, 321 N. Main Street for remodeling the front porch. Petitioner: Michael Sigrist, on behalf of the property owner.

### VILLAGE STAFF PRESENTATION

The petitioner is proposing to remove the existing concrete porch, which is crumbling and in poor condition. They propose to re-use the existing column supports, and pour a new cement porch in the same location, to include a small handrail on a portion of the west and south sides. Enclosed is the petitioner's submittal package, which includes a site plan and manufacturer cut sheets.

Staff suggested the plans maybe should include turned spindles for the railing, rather than the solid / squared spindles that are proposed. Staff therefore recommend the petitioner use a decorative spindle design to be more compatible with the historic nature of the home and decorative rounded / fluted columns that will remain as supports for the porch roof overhang. To be consistent, the newel post used for the handrail shall also be round to better match the rounded support columns.

### Recommendation

Staff believes that the proposed porch alteration is reasonable and will be compatible with the appearance of the home and also consistent with the Preservation Code. Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted with the following conditions:

1. The railing shall have turned spindles and a spec sheet shall be provided to Community Development staff prior to the issuance of a building permit.
2. The newel post used on the handrail shall be round and a spec sheet shall be provided to Community Development staff prior to the issuance of a building permit.

### **COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

The petitioner stated that his guard system was never going to be metal, it was going to be wood. He provided the commission with photos of a guard system that he installed in Elgin, which does not have turned spindles but uses reclaimed wood. The newel posts cannot be round because the supports that they make now to support a 200 pound live load are not round. Petitioner proposes that he replace the current support columns with square ones on the roof overhanging the porch so that the styles match. Member Himes asked whether the columns were original to the house. Chairman Jolitz stated that the round columns post design was original and that many of the homes from 1900 to WWI had these rounded posts. Member Zane has no problems with the appearance. Member Purn believes so as well. Commission members indicated they would like the columns design to be preserved but otherwise liked the integrity of the design of the handrail and thinks that they could be used together. Petitioner will use the original support columns. Chairman Jolitz also asked whether the handrail and columns will be painted. The petitioner stated that they would be sealed or painted finish.

### **MOTION:**

Motion by Member Himes, seconded by Member Pawula, that the Building Commissioner issue the requested Certificate of Appropriateness for Case No. PC18-05 for remodeling the front porch at 321 N. Main Street, consistent with the petitioner's submittal. Chairman Jolitz repeated Motion and asked if any further discussion or questions. Being none, a roll call vote was taken: All Ayes.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Current Exhibits in Library and Village Hall Lobby Cases – Chairman Jolitz has not heard back from the library. Chairman set up the old vintage views of Algonquin exhibit with vintage cameras the Commission borrowed in lobby of Village Hall.
- b. Old Town Improvements Continuing Work – Coffee with Contractor will now be held at St. John's Church starting this Friday. The bridge over the creek on Main St is being removed in next few weeks.
- c. Algonquin Rotary & Recreation Dept Harvest Day Event – September 22, 9 am-4 am Chairman Jolitz sent in an application for a booth space with an explanation that we are asking for a fee waiver because the Historic Commission is actually a part of the village.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Chairman Jolitz has distributed copies of the Commissions Annual Report to our Elected Village Officials and some of the Village Management Staff.



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

- a. Reminder to everyone that free admission to the McHenry County Historical Society museum for all Algonquin residents is from June 26 to June 29.
- b. Does the commission have any interest in any of the left over, unclaimed bricks from the memorial bricks from main Street? Matter to be reviewed, when we see what remains unclaimed after July 31 deadline.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

  
Secretary  Chairman

7-11-18  
Date Approved