

- PRESENT Loretta Frankovitch, Pete Coppins, Rita Geiben, Jim Fittante, David Giusiana, Christine O’Hara, Historian Russ Piper, Deputy Clerk Donna Vazquez, Clerk Shannon Fundis
- CALL TO ORDER Loretta Frankovitch called the Historical Preservation Commission meeting to order at 6:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- MINUTES A motion was made by Christine O’Hara seconded by Rita Geiben and passed with four yes votes to approve the October 10, 2023 minutes as submitted. Loretta Frankovitch and Pete Coppins abstained.
- OLD BUSINESS **Historic Properties – 305 Center St, 315 Center St, 425 Center St, 433 Center St - Update**  
Rita Geiben stated I have gone through everything on the four Center St. properties and there was never a formal resolution done on any of them. I found an old list of historic properties that had asterisks by these four properties indicating they were designated by the State. I called the State and was told they were not designated. The State suggested that we do an entire survey of the Village and do an inventory to see which homes should be designated historic. This would be a huge undertaking.  
  
Loretta Frankovitch agreed and said even though there is a grant to match this, the survey alone is \$60,000.00 and we would have to come up with \$30,000.00, which we do not have.  
  
A motion was made by Rita Geiben seconded by Jim Fittante and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing for the December 11, 2023 meeting to officially designate 305 Center St., 315 Center St., 425 Center St., and 433 Center St. by resolution. These would be locally-designated properties.  
  
**140 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St.**  
Rita Geiben said the owners of 140 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St came forward and would like their house to be designated. I was able to speak with the previous owner, Mrs. McQuay. The house was built in 1920 or 1929. She was never able to get the exact date. The property owner was Ralph Hotchkiss who built the home. This was a kit home and ordered from a catalog. Mrs. McQuay has the original catalog where it was ordered from. Do you think this property meets the criteria to be designated?  
  
David Giusiana stated this house has no architectural merit in my book. It has suffered at least two additions with the recent changing one section of flat roof to raised roof and altering the doors and windows on the second floor. This has gone through three significant architectural changes from its original kit form. To me, this does not have architectural merit to warrant a designation.  
  
Clerk Shannon Fundis explained the property owners intention was during the process of us looking into historical tax credits which was discovered that we cannot do. When the owner finds out he will not be able to receive a tax credit he may not even want to have his home designated.  
  
Loretta Frankovitch asked everyone to go look at this property and we will talk about it at the next meeting.  
  
**Public Art Project**  
Loretta Frankovitch asked the board members for their recommendations and comments on the Public Art Project which includes the Mural, Spirit of Victory Statue, Benches and Art Frames.  
  
After hearing the board members input, Frankovitch stated she has some really good comments and will compile the recommendations and forward them to the Planning Board and Village Board of Trustees.  
\*See Attached Recommendations
- NEW BUSINESS **65 Center St. – Metal Fence – Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2023-13**  
A motion was made by Jim Fittante seconded by Pete Coppins and passed unanimously to approve the Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2023-13 at 65 Center St. for a 34 inch metal fence on top of 12 inches of concrete base to be placed from the westerly face of the building to continue along the property line as submitted.  
David Giusiana recused himself to present.

**S Water St. / Center St. Parking Lot–Metal Fence–Architectural Review Application**

A motion was made by Christine O’Hara seconded by Jim Fittante and passed unanimously to approve the Architectural Review Application for a 34 inch metal fence on top of 12 inches of concrete base to be placed along the property line from the rear property line of 65 Center St. to follow the property line of the parking lot to S. Water St. as submitted. David Giusiana recused himself to present.

**125 S 1<sup>st</sup> St. – Metal Fence – Architectural Review Application**

A motion was made by Jim Fittante seconded by Christine O’Hara and passed unanimously to approve the Architectural Review Application at 125 S 1<sup>st</sup> St for a 34 inch metal fence on top of 12 inches of concrete base to be placed from the face of the building on S. 1<sup>st</sup> St. forward to the property line on the west side of the building toward S. Water St. as submitted.

David Giusiana recused himself to present.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Rita Geiben seconded by Pete Coppins and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm.

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Donna Vazquez Deputy Clerk