

PRESENT	Loretta Frankovitch, Pete Coppins, Rita Geiben, Chris O’Hara, Jillian Stokes, James Baptiste, Donna Cassick, Shannon Fundis, Historian Russ Piper
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 Chris O’Hara seconded by Jillian Stokes and passed unanimously to approve the March 10, 2025 minutes as submitted. Rita Geiben abstained because she was not present at the meeting.
OLD BUSINESS	125 S 1st St – Façade Changes A motion was made by Rita Geiben seconded by Pete Coppins and passed unanimously to approve the change from brick to stone veneer and a roof added above the existing balcony on the west side of the building as submitted.
NEW BUSINESS	355 Niagara St – Exterior Restoration and Painting -Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2025-04 The owners of 355 Niagara St were not present at the meeting. A motion was made by Rita Geiben seconded by Chris O’Hara and passed unanimously to table the Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2025-04 for exterior restoration and painting until the May 12, 2025, meeting for the owners to answer questions from the board. 421 Center St – Second Story Thrift Boutique – Sign Application A motion was made by Chris O’Hara seconded by Jillian Stokes and passed unanimously to approve the wall sign for Second Story Thrift Boutique as presented and to paint the door and trim black. 480 Center St – Lewiston Digital LLC – Sign Application A motion was made by Pete Coppins seconded by Chris O’Hara and passed unanimously to approve the vinyl window sign for Lewiston Digital LLC as presented. 761 Cayuga St – Hearth & Haven Therapeutics – Sign Application A motion was made by Rita Geiben seconded by Chris O’Hara and passed unanimously to accept the wall sign for Hearth & Haven Therapeutics as presented with the recommendation to center the sign between the window and the edge of the building. 112 S Water St – Lower Niagara Moose Lodge – Sign Application A motion was made by Chris O’Hara seconded by Jillian Stokes and passed unanimously to approve the Lower Niagara Moose Lodge sign application with replacing the One Moose logo with a black silhouette moose as presented. 115 S Water St – Whirlpool Jet Boat and Griffon – Parking Sign Application A discussion ensued on the updated sign at 115 S Water St. Property owner John Kinney stated the sign is an update to the prior sign that had been in place the past 18 years. The updated sign includes the current tenant’s business name, and verbiage to preserve our property rights. Kinney said the verbiage regarding towing vehicles was added at the advice of our legal counsel, who stated we did not have appropriate language on the sign. Pete Coppins stated the side of the sign facing the water is not true. That is village right of way and recommends the west side of the sign be taken down or covered up. A motion was made by Loretta Frankovitch seconded by Chris O’Hara and passed unanimously to only approve the east side of the Whirlpool Jet Boat and Griffon parking sign as presented with the recommendation to the Planning Board to have clearer markings from the village for village right of way parking and to have the parking lines repainted. 476 Center St – Subdivision A discussion ensued on subdividing the building from the Peace Garden with concerns the bathroom would not be available to the public anymore during festivals. Clerk Fundis explained we tend to close that bathroom during festivals because it cannot handle the volume of people and that portable bathrooms are accessible.

A motion was made by Rita Geiben seconded by Jillian Stokes to approve the subdivision of 476 Center St and the motion passed with four yes votes as follows:

Geiben – Yes Jillian – Yes O’Hara – Yes Frankovitch – Yes Coppins – No

Pete Coppins stated I do not think the village should sell the house because it is historic.

Cassick said the house will be sold historic, and the new owners will have to keep it historic.

DISCUSSION

2023-2024 CLG Report

Loretta Frankovitch said a big thank you to Rita Geiben for submitting the 2023-24 CLG report.

Rita Geiben said during the year, keep track of your training hours then forward them to me with the dates, title and format for when I am preparing the report at the end of the year. It is highly recommended that we do four hours of training a year.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rita Geiben seconded by Jillian Stokes and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm.

Donna Cassick