

Village of Lewiston
Historical Preservation Commission

Meeting # 5 Minutes May 15, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Harry Wright called the Historical Preservation Commission meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT

Harry Wright, Lee Simonson, Jim Fittante, Ken Slaughenhoupt, Peter Coppins, Loretta Frankovitch (who arrived during the business portion of the meeting) Stephanie Myers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim Fittante made a motion with a second by Harry Wright to approve the April 23, 2018 minutes. Ken Slaughenhoupt abstained. The motion passed with 4 yes votes.

OLD BUSINESS

470 RIDGE STREET

G. Muto is interested in purchasing the property and was coming to the HPC meeting to get clarification on the property. He was not in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

755 CENTER STREET

Fittante recused himself.

Emery Simon said he responded to the Fire Inspectors concerns about Fire Codes. He said the issue I see is that it was called a tent but it is a parking structure. What I am looking for is the wording on the Certificate of Appropriateness to be changed and I want to make it permanent.

Simonson said my concern is the structural skeleton when the canvas comes off.

Simon responded I will leave the canvas up all year.

Simonson said the first Certificate of Appropriateness was conditional to see what it looks like and was going to be reviewed in October.

Simon responded that it has to be permanent because that's what the village is asking for. In order for it to meet the codes it needs to be a permanent structure.

Slaughenhoupt said my concern is the base building. What has been done so far has already masked the original building.

Simon said I understand your concern, since this is behind this I don't think this will happen.

Frankovitch asked what the height of the building and the height of the parking structure are.

Coppins asked does the parking structure go higher than the bar now?

Simon said that Anne Welch suggested lowering it 4 feet leaving a 12 foot clearance.

Chairman Wright asked what the Planning Commission said.

Simon responded they gave me the idea to lower the structure but didn't move forward on it until HPC and the code enforcer.

Slaughenhoupt said essentially this will just be used for events and won't be enclosed.

Simon said yes just events, it can't be enclosed.

Slaughenhoupt said I want to see more properties improved and maintained like this property.

Coppins said my concern is the letter from the Fire Chief about the parking during events and access for the fire company.

Slaughenhoupt said that is the concern of the Planning Commission and the Village Board.

Frankovitch said I have the same concern as before, that it is overwhelming the historic structure in size and scale.

Simon said the building is a small building. When you look at the front of the building, the patio side is lower and the roof is setback. One of the things we try to do is we try to showcase the building. Simon said people come to Lewiston to see the Stone House.

Frankovitch said I appreciate all the work you have done but the two building you have already added on are dwarfing the historic structure and adding another piece to it just overwhelms it.

Fittante said there is no historic significance to the parking lot that is also why the parking structure does not match.

Ken Slaughenhoupt made a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness 2018-3 to be no higher than the plan attached, lower if possible, and the color of the vinyl to be clay. The motion was seconded by Lee Simonson.

Secretary Myers polled the Commission with the following results:

HPC Member Simonson	“YES”	HPC Member Frankovitch	“NO”
HPC Member Slaughenhoupt	“YES”	HPC Chairman Wright	“NO”
HPC Member Fittante	“RECUSED”	HPC Alternate Coppins	“YES”

The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

OTHER BICENTENNIAL

Slaughenhoupt said the Historical Association of Lewiston President is sending a letter to the Village Board of Trustees, the Town Board, the Village Historical Preservation Commission, and the Town Historical Preservation Commission to create an organizational meeting. This will be a 1 year celebration including 2022 for the village and 2023 for the town.

INVENTORY

Chairman Wright said he has a list of 64 properties that have not been designated that were built before 1900. He has started the process of creating inventories for the individual properties. There is a Grant available that has to be completed by 9/30/18.

Frankovitch said I think it’s easier to register a district so I think a full inventory would be better.

Simonson said we have been talking about this since we have been trained thank you Harry I think this is more practical.

Each member will take 10 properties to go get pictures and fill out the inventory forms. When this is finished a meeting will be set up to discuss the properties individually.

VENDORS

Chairman Wright passed out his correspondence with James Finelli discussing different products on the market. In the correspondence it is said that the commission members should be familiar with the different products on the market but should not recommend any brand or product to anyone.

NYS PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

Frankovitch passed out a list of general information, action items and contacts that she learned at the NYS Preservation Conference. Frankovitch went through the list describing each bullet point on her list. She also explained that everyone on the commission should attend the conference next year.

ANNUAL REPORT

Slaughenhoupt asked if the annual report was submitted to the Village Board of Trustees.

Chairman Wright responded yes it was submitted.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Lee Simonson and seconded by Jim Fittante and passed unanimously to adjourn the Historical Preservation Commission meeting at 7:21 PM.

Stephanie Myers, Secretary

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