

CALL TO ORDER Peter Coppins called the Historical Preservation Commission meeting to order at 6:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT Rita Geiben, Peter Coppins, Jim Fittante, Susan Hofert, David Giusiana and Secretary Longwell

EXCUSED Loretta Frankovitch

MINUTES Jim Fittante made a motion to approve the minutes from November 8, 2021. Rita Geiben seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS **444 Center Street – signage**

Chris & Jessica Budde, owner of Brewed & Bottled, and Phil Palmeri, owner of Battle Flag Tavern, presented the previously approved gold on black signs with different font for each business.

Rita Geiben made a motion seconded by Jim Fittante and passed unanimously to approve the sign as presented by Chris & Jessica Budde for Brewed & Bottled.

Jim Fittante made a motion seconded by Rita Geiben and passed unanimously to approve the sign as presented by Phil Palmeri for Battle Flag Tavern.

Donna Garfinkel told the Historic Preservation Commission she will submit a sign proposal for the January 2022 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS **795 Center Street – CVS Sign Application**

A motion was made by Susan Hofert seconded by Jim Fittante and passed unanimously to approve the application as presented.

860 Center Street – Development Plans

Jim Fittante recused himself.

Fittante presented the site plans with updated lighting, storm drainage and landscaping that will include a barrier shielding the rear parking from the residential neighborhood behind the lot. After a discussion regarding the façade Fittante asked for the project be tabled.

A motion was made by David Giusiana seconded by Susan Hofert and passed unanimously to table the Development Plans for 860 Center Street,

OTHER **Big Yellow House – 475 Ridge Street**

Peter Coppins read the following from Tom Collister,

“Hi everyone

I read in the Sentinel about the former Arts Council house as not being historic. I would like to advise you that while I do not see an historic designation for this house it is certainly historic and should be considered as such.

This home is over 100 years old. It was the former Border Patrol house that was at the foot of Tuscarora Street on the river during Prohibition. It was manned 24 hrs a day to search for bootleggers, Chinese people and other illegal aliens being smuggled across the river. Lewiston played an important role in smuggling during this period of history and there are many documented stories on it here in Lewiston. After prohibition it was no longer needed and was bought by Gaetano Antoline in 1927. He moved it to its present location in the winter of 1928 by horse and sled.

It is my hope that the HPC will take this into consideration and put this important Lewiston historic building on the designation list before the home is sold or atleast make the new owner keep the outside as it exists now.

regards

Tom Collister”

Rita Geiben said it would be a shame to not designate this property.

Jim Fittante said all the historical features are in good shape right now.

A motion was made by Rita Geiben seconded by Jim Fittante and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing on January 10, 2022 at 6pm to locally designate 475 Ridge Street historic.

ADJOURNMENT A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rita Geiben and seconded by Jim Fittante. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was called to close at 6:30 PM.

Stephanie Longwell, Secretary