

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

CALL TO ORDER Loretta Frankovitch called the Historical Preservation Commission meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES Rita Geiben made a motion to approve the minutes from January 10, 2022. Jim Fittante seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS **860 Center Street**

Jim Fittante recused himself to present to the Historic Preservation Commission the updates on the project. Fittante told the commission that the back road to N 9th Street has been removed, evergreen shrubs have been added along the back of the parking lot, and a peak has been added to the front of the building. Fittante also told the commission that Hardie-Board will be the material used.

Frankovitch said she is happy they will be using Hardie-Board.

Geiben told Fittante the new plans are a huge improvement and it looks nice.

A motion was made by Peter Coppins seconded by Rita Geiben and passed unanimously to approve the plans as submitted for 860 Center Street.

475 Ridge Street

Geiben, Coppins and Giusiana attended the January 18, 2022 Village Board meeting regarding the designation of 475 Ridge Street. Geiben stated that after the VB meeting the HPC did not do enough research before designating 475 Ridge Street historic. Since the meeting Geiben has done a lot of research and now has enough information to designate properly.

Geiben stated the house was built around 1903 on Tuscarora Street. Antelone got permission from the Village Board to move it to its current location on Ridge Street in 1926 and the building was moved in 1927.

Geiben will finish the inventory form to amend the original designation at the March 2022 Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

Other

Frankovitch told the commission that she has received comments regarding the revised HPC code from both James Finelli, SHPO, and Christiana Limniatis, Preservation Buffalo Niagara. SHPO had a couple general conceptual comments, while PBN had many detailed comments. The commission decided to meet at a later date to discuss the comments and revise the code as appropriate. Stephanie Longwell advised she needs 10 days to advertise these public meetings.

NEW BUSINESS **Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2022-01 – 704 Center Street**

Cassandra Schumacher owner of Harth And Haven Therapeutics presented the new metal sign for the new business.

Fittante made a motion to approve Application for Certificate 2022-01 as presented as long as the trim is left exposed. Hofert seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2022-02 – 411 Center Street

After a brief discussion regarding the placement of the sign the commission agreed to do a site visit.

Hofert made a motion to table the application until the commission can do a site visit. Coppins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER

Changing Street name as requested by Tom Deal

Tom Deal proposed changing S 6th Street to Sutherland Street in honor of Bruce Sutherland. Lee Simonson, a longtime property owner on S 6th Street is in support of this change.

Peter Coppins asked if this is a total name change or an additional sign to the current sign. Coppins informed the commission that through research he has not been able to find any information that a street has ever been renamed to a person's name in the village.

Geiben said this is a slippery slope, there have been other citizens with similar contributions to the village who have not had a street renamed in their honor,

Fittante said this is not a Historical Preservation Commission decision, and this needs to go to the other boards.

Mayor Welch stated the Village Board have discussed this and believe a nice bench by Orange Cat would be a better idea.

NYS Historic Marker Grant

Geiben told the commission that a letter of intent is due by February 28, 2022. After a brief discussion of these State signs, Lee Simonson told the commission that interpretive plaques are a better option. He also informed the HPC that the Town of Lewiston is waiting on this grant until next year. Simonson discussed informational signs within the village already and said that the Historical Association could possibly fund this project.

After a brief discussion, no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rita Geiben and seconded by Peter Coppins. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was called to close at 6:47 PM.

Stephanie Longwell, Secretary