

- PRESENT Loretta Frankovitch, Pete Coppins, Rita Geiben, David Giusiana, Jim Fittante, Christine O'Hara, Deputy Clerk Donna Vazquez, Clerk 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 David Giusiana seconded by Rita Geiben and passed unanimously to approve the June 12, 2023 minutes as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS **List of Historical Village Properties - Update**  
Rita Geiben stated she had talked to a family member of 175 N 5<sup>th</sup> St. and they said the house was never historically designated. It was a barn and converted into a home in the 1940's. I cannot find anything in the files or in the minutes where it was ever designated. I recommend that we take it off the historical designated list.

David Giusiana made a motion seconded by Rita Geiben and passed unanimously to remove 175 N 5<sup>th</sup> St. from the historical designated list.

**155 S 5<sup>th</sup> St. – Repaint Shutters Light Gray-Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2023-08**

Loretta Frankovitch stated that she had met with new owner Amanda Billman and took a walk down to the Historical Society Museum at 469 Plain St. Billman pointed out how the building is white with beige trim. Also, the house directly across from her, at 125 S 5<sup>th</sup> St., is beige with tan trim. Amanda stated that she would like to match the color of the shutters to the color of the stone on the foundation of the house. The two colors she would like to choose from for the shutters is Roycroft Mist Gray or Colony Gray. The house color will be Greek Villa White.

A motion was made by Jim Fittante seconded by Pete Coppins and passed with four YES votes to approve the Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2023-05 to paint the shutters either Roycroft Mist Gray or Colony Gray based on the owners choice. The house will be painted Greek Villa White.

Rita Geiben opposed.

**65 Center St. - 125 S 1<sup>st</sup> St. – Corner of Center & S Water St (\*listed incorrectly on Agenda as 115 S Water St) –Mixed Material Fence**

Architect, David Giusiana explained John Kinney is proposing a 2ft concrete wall under the 4ft metal fence. This will give durability if a vehicle were to back into the wall and it will limit the amount of damage to the fence. The mixed material fence will be a foot from the property line.

Ron Parent, Administrator for the Moose Lodge at 112 S Water St., said his concern is if we need to maintain the side of our brick building and also our deck, it will be very difficult to work around from your property with a 2ft retaining wall and a 4ft fence.

Pete Coppins stated that as far as the look of the fence, John Kinney has done his due diligence to make it look good. I just don't agree with the setback and it going all the way down to Water St.

Rita Geiben said our code says the height of a fence on front and sides of buildings is only 4ft. Jim Fittante agreed and stated there is no other fence in front of buildings that is 6ft high, especially in the waterfront district because it will block views.

A motion was made by Rita Geiben and seconded by Christine O'Hara to vote on 65 Center St. a mixed material fence as submitted for Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2023-05. The application was denied with five NO votes.

Deputy Clerk Vazquez polled the board:

O'Hara – NO Geiben – NO Coppins – NO Fittante – NO Frankovitch – NO Giusiana recused himself.

A motion was made by Rita Geiben and seconded by Christine O'Hara to vote on Corner of Center St. & S. Water St. for Architectural Review mixed material fence as submitted. The proposal was denied with five NO votes.

Deputy Clerk Vazquez polled the board:

O’Hara – NO Geiben – NO Coppins – NO Fittante – NO Frankovitch – NO  
Giusiana recused himself.

A motion was made by Rita Geiben and seconded by Christine O’Hara to vote on 125 S 1<sup>st</sup> St. for a mixed material fence for Architectural Review as submitted. The proposal was denied with five NO votes.

Deputy Clerk Vazquez polled the board:

O’Hara – NO Geiben – NO Coppins – NO Fittante – NO Frankovitch – NO  
Giusiana recused himself.

Loretta Frankovitch made a recommendation to the Planning Board that the fence should abide by the Village code to be no more than 4ft in height, especially in the waterfront district.

OTHER

**Preservation Day**

Loretta Frankovitch said we will be setting up a table on August 5, 2023 from 10am to 3pm at the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Museum. Tom Collister and Ken Slaughenhoupt will be bringing materials from the Lewiston Museum.

**Project Completion Photos**

Frankovitch asked Clerk Fundis her thoughts on requiring completion photos when a project is completed. Fundis said that a lot of times projects are not completed or we have a difficult time trying to get them turn everything in to even get approved. To have it blog up the agenda month after month would not be productive or be fair to the people that are at the meeting with actual business. Frankovitch agreed that it should not go on the agenda and said the board could assist and go around every couple of months and take pictures. It will help put closure to some of these cases where we don’t know what is going on or what has happened to them.

NEW BUSINESS

**549 Center St. – Townie Football and Fans Wanted - Sign Application**

A motion was made by Jim Fittante seconded by Rita Geiben and passed unanimously to approve the window signs as presented.

OTHER

**401 Cayuga St. – Modification to Garage – Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2023-09**

A motion was made by Jim Fittante seconded by Rita Geiben and passed unanimously to approve the Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2023-09 for a minor modification to a previously approved garage construction project to add a dormer and three windows on the east side of the garage.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Donna Vazquez Deputy Clerk

