

PRESENT Loretta Frankovitch, Rita Geiben, Pete Coppins, Jim Fittante, Historian Russ Piper, Deputy Clerk Donna Cassick, Clerk Shannon Fundis

EXCUSED Chris O’Hara

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 Rita Geiben seconded by Loretta Frankovitch and passed unanimously to approve the May 13, 2024 minutes as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS **HPC Alternate**

Deputy Clerk Cassick stated that we have received one application that has not submitted a resume who was referred by Pete Coppins. Coppins said he will reach out to the applicant and request a resume. Cassick stated we received a call from a resident who is very interested in the position and will get the application and resume to us shortly.

820 Center St – Crosby’s Coffee Sign

Chris McCaffrey from Ulrich Sign Company explained the Planning Board had told them the previous “Crosby’s Coffee” sign could only say “Coffee”. So now, Crosby’s would like to use their branding which is “Bean to Cup” that they have used in other marketing tools.

Loretta Frankovitch stated for our Historical Village it looks very cluttered with too many words and I was wondering if they would be able to simplify? That would be my recommendation.

Rita Geiben said she actually thought it was a different business. I think if they would remove “Just the way you like it” then it would be fine. I don’t think it’s necessary and that’s just my opinion.

Jim Fittante said I feel the opposite; I do think it fits the village being a little more unique and not just block letters and two colors.

Pete Coppins agreed with Fittante.

A motion was made by Jim Fittante seconded by Pete Coppins and passed with three “yes” votes to approve the Crosby’s Coffee Sign at 820 Center St. Frankovitch opposed.

NEW BUSINESS **465 Center St – Scoops On Center– Sign Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2024-05**

A motion was made by Rita Geiben seconded by Jim Fittante and passed unanimously to approve Scoops On Center sign Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2024-05 at 465 Center St for a vinyl sticker sign on the right front window as presented.

555 Center St – Bistro Avera – Sign Application

A motion was made by Jim Fittante seconded by Rita Geiben and passed unanimously to approve Bistro Avera sign application at 555 Center St for a very simple sign on the door as presented.

451 Plain St – Rear Addition & Porch Addition – Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2024-06

Architect Jim Fittante recused himself to present the plans to add a rear addition and porch at 451 Plain St. Just the front part of the building is original and one of the most historically saved homes I have seen in the Village. All the wood floors are intact and it’s really nice inside. The owners do not want to touch anything on the inside. The whole original home will stay intact as is. Two of the original windows are going to be reused in the addition part.

Loretta Frankovitch said I think the porch is going to dwarf the house. I think it will make the house seem a little bit minuscule.

Fittante said the owners wanted to have the porch past the front window but I had them take it back. To keep in with the historical look they are going to use lattice panels and will use the flag stone as a path to the porch.

A motion was made by Pete Coppins seconded by Rita Geiben and passed unanimously to approve the Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2024-06 for a rear addition and porch addition at 451 Plain St. as presented.

125 S 5th St - Bocce Ball Court –Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2024-07

Loretta Frankovitch stated we are going to table the Bocce Ball Court Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2024-07 until July. I would encourage everyone to look at the Preservation Standards so we can make our decision not only on our code but the Secretary of Interiors Code which has some things to say about exterior features and landscaping.

Pete Coppins questioned why would we table this. The main decision is going to be zoning. Our decision should be on aesthetics not on placement.

Frankovitch said this has gone to Zoning and they wanted HPC to make a decision. This is more than aesthetics it has to be based on our standards and on our code.

Coppins said I will vote “no”. I think this needs to be moved along because it will be end of summer before anything is done about this, according to the owner, “temporary structure”.

Clerk Shannon Fundis stated we are not having a June Zoning meeting because I do not have a quorum so if you wait to the July HPC meeting it won’t change anything because I cannot take it back to Zoning until July.

Coppins said he was at the Zoning meeting and the Zoning Board felt this item should have come to the HPC Board, first. The fact the owner did not get a permit the Zoning Board said we are going to do this the correct way and it will need to go to the HPC Board for review then to Planning and then back to Zoning. They are interested in what we thought about the aesthetics in our Historic District. It just reminds me of other things that are brought to our board that it’s already done then it gets approved or let go and everybody forgets.

Rita Geiben said the owner’s terminology is the bocce ball court is a temporary structure. It is not permanent so if we say no, this isn’t the look we want in the historic district, plus you are on village property and you did this without a permit, we will tell him to take it down. My concern is the owner has put down that he is going to his attorney. Can we get our attorney to take a look at this prior to our July meeting?

Mayor Welch stated yes, you can have our attorney look at the standards you have.

Fittante stated our attorney should also look at permanent vs temporary definition.

Frankovitch agreed to put everything we are looking for in an email and address it to our Attorney.

A motion was made by Jim Fittante seconded by Rita Geiben and passed unanimously to table the Bocce Ball Court Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2024-07 at 125 S 5th St. until the July 8, 2024 HPC meeting.

Frankovitch is requesting that this matter be placed on the agenda for the July Planning meeting so whatever recommendation the HPC board makes it will go straight to Planning at the same time.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rita Geiben seconded by Jim Fittante and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:25pm.

Donna Cassick Deputy Clerk