

- PRESENT** Loretta Frankovitch, Rita Geiben, Chris O’Hara, Historian Russ Piper, Deputy Clerk Donna Cassick, Clerk Shannon Fundis
- EXCUSED** Jim Fittante, Pete Coppins
- 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 Chris O’Hara seconded by Rita Geiben and passed unanimously to approve the April 13, 2024 and April 16, 2024 minutes as submitted.
- OLD BUSINESS**
- HPC Alternate**
Loretta Frankovitch stated that we have received one application that has not submitted a resume. Deputy Clerk Cassick said she emailed the applicant and requested the resume and has not heard back. Cassick also stated we have an ad in the Sentinel seeking HPC Alternates.
- 315 Center St – Clarification of Property Designation**
Loretta Frankovitch stated that when you designate a property it is the entire property not just the building. I do not feel comfortable answering Herb Richardson’s question about if the historic designation of 315 Center St will interfere with his approved plans to build on that property without some other further clarification.
- Rita Geiben said it was approved back in 2022 that he could build his proposed building. It did come before us and we thought the property was already designated historic and went to Planning and they approved it as well. I don’t know how we could not allow it at this point. I’m asking for clarification if we could take it away seeing there has been absolutely no progress on this project in two years.
- Loretta Frankovitch said I’m not saying I want to take away the approval. I just want to make sure Richardson knows that the designation is the whole property not just the building. I will respond to his letter via email.
- Frankovitch asked Planning Chair, Doreen Albee, if planning has a clause in the code stating after a project is approved and nothing is done within a year does the applicant have to come back and present something to Planning?
- Albee said she will research the code and believes there is a six month deadline.
- OTHER**
- CLG Report**
Loretta Frankovitch would just like to publically thank Rita Geiben for filing the Annual CLG report. It was fabulous and I appreciate you putting it together.
- Deputy Clerk said when I submitted the report I received the response: Great Report!
- NEW BUSINESS**
- 467 Center St – Totally Buffalo– Sign Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2024-03**
A brief discussion occurred about removing the square block of wood behind the oval sign. Clerk Shannon Fundis explained that there are brackets that held the previous sign up and if he removes the wood behind then there will be holes visible on the building. The owner will keep it painted the same color as the building so it is not as noticeable.
- A motion was made by Chris O’Hara seconded by Rita Geiben and passed unanimously to approve Totally Buffalo sign Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2024-03 at 467 Center St as presented.
- 411 Center St – Ashley’s Lingerie & Swimwear- Sign Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2024-04**
The oval sign is just a replacement of what was there before. The store owner is presenting two different colors. One with white background and black letters or black background with gold letters. Frankovitch, Geiben and O’Hara agreed that the white with black letters would look best with the most visibility.
- Clerk Fundis explained that the vinyl window sign above the door is already in place and store owner would like to use that as her permanent sign.

Chris O'Hara and Loretta Frankovitch feel the sign is taking away from the building.

A motion was made by Rita Geiben seconded by Chris O'Hara and passed unanimously to approve the oval sign Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2024-04 with the recommendation the colors are white background with black letters for Ashley's Lingerie and Swimwear at 411 Center St.

A motion was made by Loretta Frankovitch seconded by Chris O'Hara and passed unanimously table the request for the window sign over the door pending more clarification of what the store owner would like to put on there with the recommendation of the vinyl lettering or something that looks more permanent than the sign that is up now.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rita Geiben seconded by Chis O'Hara and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:21pm.

Donna Cassick Deputy Clerk