

Minutes of the meeting of the Fairport Historic Preservation Commission, held February 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., in the Training Room, Fairport Municipal Commission Building, 43 Liftbridge Lane East, Fairport, New York

Commissioners:

Doris Davis-Fritsch
Jean Whitney
John Wierzbicki

Others Present:

G. Wolf, Attorney
H. Kevin Clark

Absent:

Charles Smith

Minute Approval

Upon motion by J. Whitney, seconded by J. Wierzbicki, it was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the FHPC meeting held January 8, 2015.

99 South Main Street/Flag Pole Mounts

In October of 2014 the Commission requested that OCED, the owner(s) of 99 South Main Street remove the decorative flags displayed in mounted Tapcon screws on the west side of the building and to seek the opinion of a Mason whether it would be better to leave them intact in the brick or to have them removed and the holes filled. The screws and flags were installed after the property was designated as a local historic landmark without a Certificate of Appropriateness approved by the Commission.

In November a report from a Mason was received by the property owner and submitted to the Commission. The report stated that periodic inspections should be made in the area of the Tapcon screws to ensure there is no corrosion or spalling to the brick. It was also suggested that other screws in various locations currently in the bricks be removed, patched with epoxy grout and repainted.

A letter was sent to the property owner of 99 South Main Street in January of 2015 stating that the flag pole mounts (Tapcon screws) must be removed and the holes in the brick be patched and repainted. A letter in response was received from the owner asking how to proceed with an appeal to the Commission's decision to have the screws removed. Attorney Wolf referenced the Appeal section of the local law and stated that a Certificate of Appropriateness must be filed and acted on before an appeal could be prosecuted. He suggested discussing the situation with the property owner and further commented that this is a low level issue.

Mr. Clark, Chairman of the OCED Board appeared to discuss the Commission's decision to have the Tapcon screws removed. He stated that the building owner was unaware that the tenant was making the alteration to the building prior to the flags being erected. Mr. Clark said that the owner had inferred from the Mason's opinion letter that the screws could remain in place, subject to periodic review for deterioration. He further stated his professional opinion that the removal of the screws could potentially cause greater damage than allowing them to remain. He will direct the OCED Board to complete an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness requesting that the Tapcon screws and flags remain intact.

Public Hearing/99 South Main Street/COA Application

Chair Davis-Fritsch re-opened the public hearing at 7:00pm for a handicapped ramp to be placed on the north entrance of the property at 99 South Main Street.

Mr. Clark, Chairman of the OCED Board appeared and stated that the application for a COA for the addition of a handicap ramp submitted in September of 2014 is officially withdrawn.

On the motion of J. Whitney, seconded by J. Wierzbicki, it was unanimously resolved to accept that the application for the addition of an exterior handicapped ramp on the north side of the building at 99 South Main Street is withdrawn.

Survey Presentation

The Commission had prepared to present a summary of the Village survey at the joint board meeting in February. Unfortunately the meeting was cancelled, and therefore the presentation was not made. They will continue to work on ways to educate the public on Historic Preservation.

There will be an article in the Village newsletter in the spring and an opportunity to educate residents at the public market.

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The Commission felt that the completed survey should be posted on the Village website under the Historic Preservation section for all to view and asked Mr. Clark to facilitate the posting.

Goals

The Commission discussed goals for the coming year. Each Commissioner expressed an individual focus. All felt that the property owners should be educated on the process and the benefits of placing homes on the National Registry of Historic Places. There was discussion regarding designation priorities: local designation only, local and national registry; national registry only.

116 West Church Street

D. Davis-Fritsch reviewed the draft inventory form she completed for 116 West Church Street and discussed specifics with the Commission.

Mr. Clark stated that he is not in support of his home being designated.

Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 5, 2014 @ 6:30.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah L. Fuller
Village of Fairport
Historic Preservation Commission