

VILLAGE OF FAIRPORT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of the Fairport Historic Preservation Commission, held July 11, 2017,
at 6:00 p.m., 31 South Main Street., Fairport Village Hall

Commissioners Present
Doris Davis–Fritsch, Chair
Charles Smith
Cara Meyers
Onofrio Schillaci
David Steitz

10 Clinton Place / Public Hearing for Local Designation

The public hearing for the proposed designation of 10 Clinton Place as a local landmark was opened at 6:00 p.m.

The legal notice was read as it appeared in the Daily Record on June 15, 2017.

Jon Gootnick, owner of 10 Clinton Place was present for the public hearing.

O. Schillaci reviewed the property history with projected visuals. He explained that the garage was raised in 1948 and moved forward from its previous location.

Mr. Schillaci felt that the property meets three of the five criteria for designation:

**Possesses special character of historic or aesthetic interest or value as part of the cultural, political, economic or social history of the locality, region state or nation.

The home located at 10 Clinton Place was originally located at 138 S Main Street. It was moved to its present location after the 1885 lithograph was published by Mr. & Mrs. (Mary A.Walker) Truman Butts to make room for a larger home at 138 S Main. The Butts followed a trend of farmers moving into the village, such as Lorin Knapp at 42 Woodlawn Avenue and Irving B. Eldridge at 48 West Church.

The large number of building relocations took place from 1872 to 1912, with at least a dozen occurring in the 1870s alone. Almost all of these involved structures on Main or Church Streets, moved to side streets in order to allow for new construction of bigger homes or buildings along with the increasing prosperity within the community. In 1848 Fairport's population was about 200. Early residential development occurred along North and South Main Street, South Avenue and adjacent streets, east of Main along Pleasant and Parker streets and in the West Street/West Ave area. By 1867 Fairport was incorporated as a village with a population of 1,000 and then nearly doubled to 1,920 by 1880.

More than any other, Filkins Street, and to a lesser degree George Street, was the destination for structures removed from their lots. The man that moved them was the same man the streets were named after, George Filkins. He frequently purchased early village houses when their owners were ready for a larger home, with the understanding that he would remove them from the lot (as per Bill Poray- Town Historian).

George Filkins moved many homes, the other driving forces were the lack of landfills, inability to move the rubble as well as the ease of moving given the lack of aerial obstacles (telephone, electric) and home mechanicals (indoor plumbing & electric). The houses were typically rolled on wheels and pulled by a team of horses or oxen and rebuilt as needed in their second life at their new location.

Should be noted that George Filkins may or may not have moved this home as he was not connected to the building of the new home on 138 S Main Street.

**Embodies the distinguishing characteristic of an architectural style.

Explain: It is an excellent example of Greek Revival with a gable front and wing architecture. The Greek Revival was an architectural movement from 1825 to 1860 predominantly in Northern Europe and the United States. A product of Hellenism, it may be looked upon as the last phase in the development of neoclassical architecture.

A unique characteristic is the symmetric wings on both sides of the gable portion of the home. The home possess the classic low pitched front facing gable with a cornice line of the main roof emphasized by the wide band of trim. Although the current porch is not original it does possess Greek Revival characteristics of a simple entablature structure of entry width, supported by 2 round Doric Roman Tuscan columns. The main front gable is bracketed with 2 side wings with partial hip roofs which are also emphasized by the wide band of trim. The final touch are the simple decorative crowns on each of the shuttered windows with 6 over 6 windows.

**Because of the unique location or singular physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar feature of the neighborhood.

When the house is approached from South Main Street the viewer gasps in surprise as the house comes into view its bright yellow paint and its 19th century incongruity as it nestled amongst its 20th century neighbors.

No one else wished to speak about the designation, the public hearing was closed at 6:20 p.m.

On the motion of C. Smith and second of C. Meyers, the Commission unanimously voted to designate 10 Clinton Place as a local historic landmark. The designation includes the house and attached garage.

Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) / 11 West Church Street / Roof Alteration

The public hearing for a COA to alter the roofing material on the barn at 11 West Church Street was opened and the legal notice was read as it appeared in the NY Daily Record on June 15, 2017.

David Steitz, the applicant and member of the Historic Preservation Commission recused himself from voting on the application.

C. Smith, Architect for the applicant and member of the Historic Preservation Commission recused himself from voting on the application.

Mr. Steitz shared a sample of the roofing material proposed and described it to be agricultural style metal. There will be no change to the roof design. The current roofing material is 3- tab asphalt shingle.

No one else wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:31 p.m.

A motion was made by O. Schillaci, seconded by D. Davis-Fritsch, and it was unanimously resolved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the change in material of the barn roof as submitted.

Approved

**C. Meyers excused herself from the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Window Information Sheet

The window information sheet offering guidelines for the replacement of windows was reviewed and suggestions made by C. Smith. D. Davis-Fritsch will make the necessary changes and work on the layout and design of the document.

Appeal Hearing for 110 Hulburt Road Update

The Village Board heard an appeal to a decision made by the Historic Preservation Commission regarding an approved Certificate of Appropriateness application for 110 Hulburt Road to alter the home by removing the garage and porch. Two the HPC members attended the hearing and briefly discussed what occurred at the Village Board meeting.

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by C. Smith, seconded by O. Schillaci, and it was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2017 regular meeting as amended.

Meeting Date

The next regular meeting will be held on August 3, 2017 at 6:00p.m.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Fuller
Historic Preservation