

**LANCASTER, NEW YORK  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
Minutes of December 17, 2002**

Attendance:

James Keysn  
Ronald Batt  
Joseph Giallanza  
Jan Pecqueur

Absent:

Mike Meyer

Excused:

Jean Brunea  
Bill Harnack

This special meeting was held by the Historic District Commission to review the proposal brought before the board on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, by the M & T Bank regarding the expansion of their existing parking lot. (Please refer to the minutes of the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting).

The Board required additional information regarding a few of the issues brought up at that meeting before they could give final approval to this proposal.

Items discussed were:

1. Manager's parking spot – the decision was made to let the bank proceed as they wanted with this item. They may find it cannot be used or cannot be easily used.
2. Broken concrete block wall - this is very visible and it is important to the Village and to the new business area. The board wants to make certain that appropriate materials are used that will enhance the area. Buttrressing and step backs were suggested. Landscaped and softened with bushes and trees, it will be more attractive.
3. The Board needs to see two or three examples for the area below the stairs (rather than the exposed aggregate).
4. The sign – we will need a separate formal submission for this item.
5. Fence – the color of the fencing should be black.
6. Lights – they should be period style as submitted and not the shoebox style as originally planned. They are to be moldcast pg. 319 #DF6200. There will be two.

A motion to approve requesting the above changes to be made to the proposal submitted by the M & T Bank was made by Jan Pecqueur.

The motion was seconded by Joe Giallanza.

Motion was approved.

The Board discussed the Central Ave. streetscape.

Ron Batt wanted to see the trees in front of the Town Hall moved back in line so as to leave the bus "staging area" in front of the Town Hall rather than in front of the gas station to the south of the Town Hall.

1. Recommend removal of bus shelter at the southwest corner of the Town Hall.
2. Recommend "bump out" in front of the Town Hall be eliminated. Allow buses to continue to "stage" in front of the Town Hall.
3. Recommend trees in front of Town Hall be planted in line with others on the East Side of the street.
4. Other than issue of bridge and area in front of Town Hall approve plans as submitted.

Jan Pecqueur made motion  
The motion was second by Ron Batt  
Motion approved.

In regard to the bridge, further information is required. Joe Giallanza recommended straightening the bridge (sidewalk) over the archway so as to make the sidewalk straight. The group agreed that the old stone arch should be restored and not covered. Efforts should be made to maintain its structural integrity and visual appearance without obstructing it. This is a very unique bridge. It is possibility one of the oldest stone bridges in the northeast and is in daily use. Covering it would be akin to the City of Buffalo leaving the Erie Canal slip filled in and digging a new sample canal slip.

The group wanted to see plans for the railing that will simulate the Texas barrier style bridge over Cayuga Creek by the M&T Bank.

The sidewalks should be able to sustain the weight of a snow removal vehicle that is used on the sidewalks. It was recommended that the park area between Plumb Bottom Creek and Brookfield near the intersection with Central Ave. should be enhanced. This could possibly be done with picnic tables, etc.

Meeting adjourned.