

**LANCASTER, NEW YORK
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of March 11, 2003**

Attendance:

James Keysa
Ronald Batt
Jean Brunea
William Harnack
Michael Meyer
Jan Pecqueur
Sandy Larkin

Excused:

Joe Giallanza

Hearings:

1. Sav-A-Lot store – façade restoration . Ronald Horrigan requested modifications to the front facade of 10 Aurora Street. This would be a discount grocery store located in the village. He wishes to add a sign and the chain's logo. Mr. Horrigan presented a drawing with a configuration of the new doors and sign. This corner of the building is the one closest to the intersection of Aurora and Pleasant, and is facing Aurora. Approval is requested for the new door opening and for the signage and lighting. There are no other changes. Mr. Horrigan indicated that he would like the store to be open by Easter, however the doors are on a four to five week delivery, so he would need approval as soon as possible.

The board suggested the possibility of moving the sign directly over the door to center it. The gooseneck light would then illuminate the doors. It was also suggested that an awning be put up over the door. There is a concern about setting a precedence, since it is the board's understanding that the building has plans to stay there, and the store could possibly be in place for quite a long time (Mr. Horrigan indicated he had a twenty year lease – 4 x 5years.) The board indicated they would want to have a review of this after two years so that if it is not what the area should look like, it could be changed in the future – they want the ability to do so. Any commitment at this time would be on the fact that it is temporary.

In a discussion prior to the meeting it is indicated that this building will be around for a long time and it is now in the heart of the district, and quite frankly, does not look good. The board feels that they should go to the partnership to discuss what is being done with this façade. A possible conflict of interest with the board was suggested as a possibility. It was agreed that before any decision is made on this item, that a motion be prepared and faxed to Joe Giallanza for his input into the determination. Jim Keysa said he would take care of faxing this to Joe on Thursday, March 13th. They would then get back to Mr. Horrigan with their final decision.

Motion: Jan Pecqueur

Second: Bill Harnack

Approved door opening with gooseneck lighting centered above door.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of a number of previous meetings were distributed and read.

Motion to approve by Mike Meyer, seconded by Jean Pecqueur.

Treasurer's Report:

If you have any expenses to be paid, please mail a copy to Jim Keysa.

STATUS REPORTS:

Broadway:

The DOT was to have started work on this. Verizon has pulled the poles, but work on the south side has not started whatsoever. Curbs and storm sewers may be done at the same time as the construction work. M & T Bank work has begun.

The schedule of work for Broadway is as follows:

March 31st to May 31st -- North side (west to east)

May 31st to July 31st -- South side

1st of August -- will be working on planters and benches

There will be only one entrance to the Moose parking lot.

Central Avenue -- Bids should be in by this time. We should know the decision on this fairly soon. Work should be completed by September or October.

The town has agreed to contribute to work for the plaza in front of town hall as well as the bridge over Plum Bottom Creek.

Notice to Property Owners:

Bill Harnack brought the final copy of the letter. All changes have been made and it is ready to be printed and sent to the property owners. In addition to the cover letter, the mailing will include a petition form, and a new map to define to recipients the area determined to be the "Historic District".

The letter will be produced on the Lancaster Historic Commission stationary. Sandy Larkin will contact Laura Lublin to obtain the necessary stationary. (Refer to a report on this item on enclosed Attachment #1.)

Memories Restaurant:

It was once again suggested that we notify Jeff Simme, building inspector, as he should take some type of action on this piece of property. This should be done as soon as possible.

Commemorative Medal:

Ron Batt is working on the proposal for a Commemorative piece to mark completion of the current Broadway project. He will contact a number of places to see what would be available and report back to us the next meeting. A medallion was one suggestion.

The meeting was adjourned.

Future Meetings:

April 9th, 2003