



**Village of Penn Yan Historic Preservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes January 8, 2019**

since they had come before the commission in the past. Commissioner Baus introduced a caption from Chapter 110-4 (B) of the Village Code Book which read

*Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the ordinary maintenance and repair of any exterior architectural feature in the district which does not involve a change in design, material, color or the outward appearance thereof. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the construction, reconstruction, alteration or demolition of any exterior architectural feature which the Code Enforcement Officer shall certify is required by public safety because of dangerous or unsafe conditions.*

Bruce Lyon noted Mr. Parmelee presented the work to his department as repairs but then he noticed changes were made so he had Mr. Parmelee submit an application for historic preservation approval. The commissioners discussed their options. They could grudgingly approve the inappropriate repair work already done that brought a deteriorating porch up to code or simply refuse to approve the work because it was done without an application. The ultimate decision was to allow the work with a notation no other exterior changes would be performed without applying for approval first. There was brief discussion about the decorative gingerbread element beneath the roof awning and if they were going to require that be added. The decision was not to require that. Mr. Parmelee asked about appropriate material for the porch ceiling. Commissioner Dumas said bead board was a common ceiling type. Mr. Parmelee asked about vinyl bead board and was told he cannot use vinyl.

**A MOTION** by Andy Baus and a **SECOND** from Chris Wright to approve the application for porch repairs already done.

Shirley Owens – aye. Christopher Wright – aye. Andy Baus - aye. Jacky Olevnik – aye. **Motion carried.**  
Fran Dumas – abstain.

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**NEXT ITEM:** Two applications - new signage and column repairs - from the Hedworth's at 158 Main St.

Marla Hedworth was present and apologized for installing new business signage saying the requirement to apply for approval was an oversight. The commissioners said her sign was appropriate so the oversight was not a significant issue. The code officer asked about the height of the top bar for zoning compliance saying it could not be over 6' in height. The commissioner had no objections to the sign as it was presented.

**A MOTION** by Fran Dumas and a **SECOND** from Shirley Owens to approve the application as presented. Shirley Owens – aye. Fran Dumas – aye. Christopher Wright – aye. Andy Baus - aye. Jacky Olevnik – aye. **Motion carried.**

Commissioner Wright said he had been sought by the Hedworth's to assist in proper repairs to the column bases. He said he would recuse himself from voting for this reason. The manufacturer's brochure that had been submitted with the application showed a paintable marble composite base that Commissioner Wright recommended. Commissioner Wright said that was the industry standard for columns and base replacement. There was a question about the life expectancy of the composite bases. Commissioner Dumas indicated they were expected to last for years.

**A MOTION** by Andy Baus and a **SECOND** from Shirley Owens to approve the application as presented. Shirley Owens – aye. Fran Dumas – aye. Andy Baus - aye. Jacky Olevnik – aye. **Motion carried.**

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Referencing the minutes of the previous meeting, the commissioners read each item of old business and re-engaged in conversations on some topics.

A **MOTION** by Jacky Olevnik and a **SECOND** from Andy Baus to approve the December 11, 2018 minutes. Fran Dumas – aye. Andy Baus - aye. Jacky Olevnik – aye. **Motion carried.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Budget review of previous year’s numbers to see if any changes are necessary for next fiscal budget. The commissioners discussed the audit report and asked to have a copy to see what it had required regarding education.
- Commissioner Baus mentioned the code book provided for the commission to fine property owners. He said if they had not allowed the unauthorized porch changes Mr. Parmelee made they could have required corrections and imposed fines. The commissioners commented on the fact that the penalty provision was a recent code change.
- Code Officer Information – Mr. Lyon informed the commissioners of multiple new restaurants coming to Penn Yan that would all need exhaust pipes. He said he needed to know if the Historic Preservation Commission needed applications for review of these exterior structures. After brief discussion the commissioner decided they would need to review and approve the vent pipes.
- New Village Website – Trustee Stewart mentioned the ongoing progress to revamp the website. He asked the commissioners to be thinking about suggestions for their web page.

A **MOTION** by Chris Wright and a **SECOND** from Shirley Owens to adjourn the meeting at 7:05PM. Shirley Owens – aye. Fran Dumas – aye. Christopher Wright – aye. Andy Baus - aye. Jacky Olevnik – aye. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by Secretary:

Lynn Duryea