

**Village of Penn Yan Historic Preservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes March 12, 2019**

**111 Elm Street  
5:30 pm EXECUTIVE SESSION ROOM**

**Present:** Brenda Ingram-Chairperson, Fran Dumas, Christopher Wright, Andy Baus, Jacky Olevnik-alt.,  Rich Stewart-VB Liaison, Lynn Duryea-Secy.

**Absent:** Marcia Kneeland, Shirley Owens

**Public Present:** Sam Castner, Joe Brodmann, Ray Spencer

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**FIRST ITEM:** Follow up review with Sam Castner for metal façade panel at 7 Main Street.

Mr. Castner was present with 3 samples of different metal panels. He showed each and explained what they were. One was an orbital sanded aluminum which he said would age to a darker gray. A second was stainless steel with an irregular swirling pattern etched into the surface which he said would not age. A third was also stainless steel and had no surface etching. He pointed out any panel would be under the existing awning and mostly seen in shadow. The commissioners agreed the stainless steel was too reflective and not representative of the features on any buildings nearby. They were also in agreement that the more muted gray appearance of the aluminum would be appropriate. Commissioner Dumas informed Mr. Castner there was cast iron underneath the brick façade.

A **MOTION** by Chris Wright and a **SECOND** from Andy Baus to approve the application for removal of façade shingles to be replaced with aluminum panel covering same area. Orbital sanded spirals to be etched into surface of aluminum.

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

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**NEXT ITEM:** Application from Josef Brodmann for demolition of greenhouse building at 225 Main Street.

Mr. Brodmann was present and described the greenhouse behind the Flour Shop on 2 acres that was partially collapsed. He said a letter came from the village asking him to do something about the structure so he was proposing to have what was left of the cinderblock structure torn down. The commissioners engaged in brief discussion with mention of the relatively obscure location where the greenhouse stood. Mr. Brodmann said he thought about using the land for a small park.

A **MOTION** by Chris Wright and a **SECOND** from Andy Baus to approve the application for demolition.

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

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**NEXT ITEM:** Application from Ray Spencer for signage at 132-138 Water Street.

Mr. Spencer was present. He indicated the virtual image submitted with the application was created by Sam Castner who would stay at the meeting to be available for questions. Mr. Spencer said he was not requesting the application be approved but was introducing the image of the sign and tenant shingles to see if the concept was acceptable. He described the metal sign as 13'-14' in height with tenant signs hanging underneath. He said the purpose was to create a central location for business signage so all proprietors with a storefront facing the outlet side of the buildings would have signage seen from Water Street and from the outlet. His plan was to also set a style guide so tenant signage would not have to be approved for each new business. Mr. Castner described the sign as industrial steel with large rivets designed to bring back the actual historic materials of the industrial era in this part of the village. The commissioners indicated they had no objections to the sign depicted but would need additional information for sign approval.

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A **MOTION** by Fran Dumas and a **SECOND** from Chris Wright to TABLE the application pending the following additional information:

- 1.) Marquee sign:
  - Material
  - Dimensions (including height from grade)
  - Colors
  - Lettering Font
  
- 2.) *Style Guide* for hanging business shingles showing:
  - Material
  - Dimensions
  - Color
  - Font

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

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A **MOTION** by Andy Baus and a **SECOND** from Chris Wright to approve the February 12, 2019 minutes.

Brenda – aye. Christopher Wright – aye. Andy Baus - aye. **Motion carried.**

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

• **144 Main Street approved sign was changed.**

The commissioners noticed the sign Teresa Hoban installed was smaller than the one they approved. There was an assumption it needed a variance and that Ms. Hoban chose to change the size rather than pursue a variance.

• **Expiration of term for commissioners**

The Mayor and Trustees would be re-appointing committee members at a special April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. The secretary was asked to find out if the following members wanted to be re-appointed for another term:

Fran Dumas-3 year term-yes, Brenda Ingram, chair-1 year term–yes, Jacky Olevnik, alternate-1 year term – yes.

• **118 Main Street unauthorized windows**

Commissioner Baus said he saw new vinyl windows on the back of the building that were not approved. Trustee Stewart said he knew the new owner personally and was sure he was oblivious to the approval requirement. There was a comment about John Potter who was currently trying to get approval for rear windows right next door on the same building without success to date. There was discussion about the commission’s recourse when work was completed without approvals.

• **DRI projects and SHPO/Historic Commission approvals**

Trustee Stewart mentioned there was talk about DRI projects needing SHPO approvals. He questioned when to include Historic Preservation Commission in project approvals. Commissioner Wright said he would ask about it at the next DRI meeting.

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A **MOTION** by Fran Dumas and a **SECOND** from Andy Baus to adjourn the meeting at 6:48PM.

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

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Submitted by Secretary:

Lynn Duryea