

**Village of Penn Yan Historic Preservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes May 8, 2018**

111 Elm Street

5:30 pm EXECUTIVE SESSION ROOM

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

**Absent:** Marcia Kneeland

**Public Present:** Alex Kuehne, Mark Adams, Teri Spoor, Denise Shay, Lyndsi Stoltzfus, Troy Davis, Ray Spencer, Jared Stoltzfus

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**FIRST ITEM:** Application from Troy Davis for roofing at 217 Clinton Street.

Troy Davis was present with a roofing sample. He said he was planning to use architectural asphalt shingles in a color that would best match the color of the siding on the house. The commissioners had no objections.

A **MOTION** by Chris Wright and a **SECOND** from Jacky Olevnik to approve the application for asphalt architectural-style roofing shingles in a brown to best match the house..

Shirley Owens – aye. Fran Dumas – aye. Christopher Wright – aye. Jacky Olevnik – aye. **Motion carried.**

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**NEXT ITEM:** Application from Amity Coffee, LLC for a new sign at 13 Main Street.

Commissioner Wright announced for the record he would recuse himself since he was the property owner. Several people who did not identify themselves were present to answer questions. The Commissioners looked at the photo depiction of a wooden sign with lettering to be positioned above the front entry. They had no objections.

A **MOTION** by Shirley Owens and a **SECOND** from Jacky Olevnik to approve the application for business signage to be a wooden sign mounted above the front entry as depicted in submitted photograph.

Shirley Owens – aye. Fran Dumas – aye. Jacky Olevnik – aye. **Motion carried.**

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**NEXT ITEM:** Application from Andrew Zimmerman for a new sign at 140 Water Street.

The building owner, Ray Spencer, was present to act as representative for Mr. Zimmerman. He said there was an empty area in the lower level of his building that faced the outlet. He said it was an ideal location to be occupied by a kayak rental business so he has allowed Mr. Zimmerman to take the space. He said the sign would be mounted on the front door; would be much smaller than the maximum conforming-size limit; was made of wood, and would be painted with the business name and a graphic. The commissioners had no objections other than to note the certificate had to state it was to be a wooden sign.

A **MOTION** by Chris Wright and a **SECOND** from Fran Dumas to approve the application for wooden business sign as depicted in the submitted photograph.

Shirley Owens – aye. Fran Dumas – aye. Christopher Wright – aye. Jacky Olevnik – aye. **Motion carried.**

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**NEXT ITEM:** Review of TABLED application for façade work at Milly’s Pantry at 19-23 Main Street.

Denise Shay and contractor, Alex Kuehne, were present.

Mr. Kuehne presented a sample-board of the brick he planned to use in the event they needed more than the salvaged vintage brick they had in inventory. He pointed out the color, texture and size was similar to the existing brick. The commissioners asked if he planned to remove and replace much of the façade brick and Mr. Kuehne said they did not plan to remove and replace any if they could avoid that. He reiterated his intent was to fix and tuck-point all existing brick, if possible. There was discussion about installing gutters and downspouts to

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prevent rain water gushing from the roof and splashing back onto the façade brick. Mr. Kuehne said the Sherwin Williams product was intended to seal the brick so water could not penetrate and cause any further damage or decay. He said it was designed to remain intact for 50 years. He indicated he was familiar with the product by using it on other projects and he went so far as to have a professional assess this building and had it confirmed that the Sherwin Williams product was the product needed. The commissioners engaged in detailed conversation with Mr. Kuehne about opposition to painting unpainted brick on historic buildings. In the end the water problem facilitated the need to seal the brick from further damage on this structure so the commissioners thought it was best to allow it. They decided to also add the requirement of gutters and downspouts as part of the approval for this project. Mr. Kuehne said he may have a problem with the village if water runoff goes to other properties then he asked what color the gutters and downspouts should be. The commissioners said to match the gutters to the green roofing and the downspouts to the yellow façade color.

A **MOTION** by Jacky Olevnik and a **SECOND** from Shirley Owens to approve the application for façade work to include:

- 1.) Repair/replace bricks where necessary and apply Sherwin Williams waterproofing system over all in yellow color to best match existing brick field.
- 2.) Sherwin Williams waterproofing system in a darker yellow to be applied to building trim.
- 3.) New gutter(s) in green to match roofing.
- 4.) New downspout(s) in yellow color to match brick.

Shirley Owens – aye. Fran Dumas – aye. Christopher Wright – aye. Jacky Olevnik – aye. **Motion carried.**

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**NEXT ITEM:** Application from Mark Adams for garage demolition and rebuild at 303 Main Street.

Mark Adams and Teri Spoor were present. Mr. Adams indicated the current garage structure was not original to the property and was scabbed together with short lengths of salvaged wood, some showing signs of having been previously exposed to fire. He said he had contacted a Mennonite who would be building the new garage once the existing structure was removed. He said the plan was to have a charcoal-colored metal roof and clapboard siding in a width to match the house. He said the siding would be painted a green color to best match the clapboard siding on the house. He explained the picture submitted with the application showed doors on the new garage but he had decided not to have doors, or windows, on the new garage. He said it would be a simple building with open bays. Commissioner Olevnik asked about the year the house was built and Mr. Adams said it was the 1820s. There was discussion about the new clapboard siding and how important it was to be sure the width matched the house. The commissioners had no objections to the removal of the deteriorated garage structure or any of the features planned for the new one.

A **MOTION** by Chris Wright and a **SECOND** from Fran Dumas to approve the application for removal of existing garage structure and replaced with new a garage that will have a metal roof in charcoal gray to best match the roofing on the house and horizontal clapboard siding in a width to match clapboard on house in a green color to best match the house.

Shirley Owens – aye. Fran Dumas – aye. Christopher Wright – aye. Jacky Olevnik – aye. **Motion carried.**

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**NEXT ITEM:** Application from ReFIND FLX, Partnership for window-glass signage at 17 Main Street.

Commissioner Wright stated he would also recuse himself from the proceedings for this application since he was the building owner. He said he would answer any questions for the applicant since no one else was present to act on their behalf. The request was for vinyl-applied sign graphics on the door glass. Chris Wright explained

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the business saying it was a relatively new concept called a ‘pop-up’ business because it would occupy the space for just 6 months. The commissioners had no objections to the sign request.

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

Referencing the minutes of the previous meeting, Chairperson Ingram read each item of old business.

A **MOTION** by Chris Wright and a **SECOND** from Jacky Olevnik to approve April 10, 2018 minutes.

Shirley Owens – aye. Fran Dumas – aye. Christopher Wright – aye. Jacky Olevnik – aye. **Motion carried.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- **Mural-**

Ray Spencer shared a photograph showing a parade scene from 1890’s Main Street, Penn Yan. He said Bob Gillespie had been commissioned to do a 14’ wide by 6’ tall depiction as a mural on the side of his 32 Water Street building. He asked if mural art was part of the jurisdiction of the Historic Preservation Commission. The commissioners decided it would be a good idea to review murals and issue approvals. If they chose not to, others in the Preservation District might have murals done that could be objectionable.

A **MOTION** by Shirley Owens and a **SECOND** from Chris Wright to approve the request for the mural..

Shirley Owens – aye. Fran Dumas – aye. Christopher Wright – aye. Jacky Olevnik – aye. **Motion carried.**

- **New Application-**

Chairperson Ingram said the attorney looked at the new application and it was now ready to be used. The secretary was instructed to start using the new application.

- **Art on Main Street**

Trustee liaison Stewart asked if the commissioners wanted to be responsible for approving public art. He said he could approach the art society for input instead. The commissioners agreed they were not the right approval agency for public art. Commissioner Wright said the one exception would be if the artwork was attached to an historic structure. Chairperson Ingram reported the steel artwork on Main Street was removed. She said the business owner said there was a plan to replace them with lighted planters and would come before the Historic Commissioner for approval.

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate**

Chairperson Ingram said she had received a letter of interest from Cindy Newcomb to fill the 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate seat on the commission. Trustee liaison Stewart said he had also received a letter of interest from Andy Baus for the seat that had been sent to the mayor. He said the mayor conveyed responsibility to the Planning & Development Committee to conduct evaluations of interested volunteers. Stewart asked for Cindy Newcomb’s letter to be discussed at the next Planning & Development meeting.

A **MOTION** by Fran Dumas and a **SECOND** from Chris Wright to adjourn the meeting at 7:00PM.

Shirley Owens – aye. Fran Dumas – aye. Christopher Wright – aye. Jacky Olevnik – aye. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by Secretary:

Lynn Duryea