

Village of Penn Yan Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes June 11, 2019

111 Elm Street

5:30 pm EXECUTIVE SESSION ROOM

Present: Brenda Ingram-Chairperson, Shirley Owens, Fran Dumas, Christopher Wright, Andy Baus, Jacky Olevnik-alt., Rich Stewart-VB Liaison, Ed Brockman-Village Attorney, Lynn Duryea-Secy.

Absent: Marcia Kneeland.

Public Present: Ken & Christa Disbrow, Alex Kuehne, Denise Shay.

FIRST ITEM: Application from Christa Disbrow for paint, signage and new awnings at 106 Elm Street.

Ken & Christa Disbrow were present. Mrs. Disbrow indicated she had referenced a paint guide for historic buildings and chose grey as the base color for the building and blue for the trim as shown on the color shingles attached to the application. She said she was not able to get a sample of the awning for the meeting but showed the commissioners the awning picture on her phone. She said it would be canvas and solid blue to match the building trim color. She said there would be two awnings side by side measuring 19' wide and 23' wide to cover the expanse of the business frontage. The commissioners asked how wide the awnings would be and the Disbrows said about the same width as the hanging sign above. Mrs. Disbrow described the sign shown in the picture attached to the application saying it would have neon lighting and was housed in a square frame. She said it would be mounted a bit higher than the current hanging sign was mounted. Commissioner Dumas said it looked like the same sign the commission had denied previously so she had the same objections to it. The commissioners discussed research some had done that shown neon was historically appropriate and that this neon sign would not be out of context for the location. There was discussion about whether this was a unique enough application for neon to allow it without setting a precedent in all of downtown. The consensus was that the neon sign at the neighboring business caused the Mustang Pub to be less conspicuous to potential patrons and was negatively affecting their business. The Disbrows were asked if the awning would hide the sign from pedestrians and they said it could still be seen from the street even after the awnings were installed.

A MOTION by Chris Wright and a **SECOND** from Andy Baus to approve the application for new paint to be grey (*Grey Brook*) on the building facade and blue (*Summerhouse Blue*) on trim. New neon sign as depicted in photo submitted with application to replace existing hanging sign on bracket but hung a bit higher. Two awnings mounted side by side to extend length of business frontage. One 19' long, the other 23' long in solid blue to match new façade paint.

Shirley Owens – aye, Fran Dumas – nay, Christopher Wright – aye, Andy Baus – aye, Jacky Olevnik aye.

Motion carried.

NEXT ITEM: Application from Kuehne Construction for facade work on Milly's Pantry at 19 Main Street.

Alex Kuehne and Denise Shay were present. Commissioner Dumas described the historical use of the building saying it was once waterfront and the doors to be changed in the application proposal were the original boat lift doors. She expressed how critically important those features were to the building's history. Mr. Kuehne explained there was not much time left to correct the decades of rot and decay on those features. He said the only solution at the current time was to rebuild them in a way that would prevent future deterioration as well as insulate the interior of the building. There was lengthy discussion about how to do the corrective measures and still maintain the façade features that had historic significance. The decision was to exhibit the original window

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and door features with a 1" recess rather than having them flush with the façade. The applicant contended the recess would collect standing water and could perpetuate the rot problems but he would do that if required to. Mr. Kuehne said he planned to infill the bottom of the existing doors using spray foam within studded panels then face-brick their exterior. He said he planned to use Marvin aluminum-clad wood for the new windows. He said the door at the top of the fire escape would be rebuilt to match and the mid-level door would be replaced with a single-light door with a crash bar. He then described the tin sills that needed to be reconstructed to shed rain water. There was discussion about what material to use. Mr. Kuehne said he planned galvanized metal. The commissioners requested painted or unpainted copper. The commissioners noted their OK for proposed roofing on the entry canopy.

A **MOTION** by Fran Dumas and a **SECOND** from Andy Baus to approve the application for:

Front of structure: Brick repair as needed that will maintain existing reliefs. Window trim replacement or rot repair using restoration epoxy. Installation of new copper at tin molding.

Rear of structure: Infill openings and bottom of doors indicated on photo attached to application with a 1" recess then face-bricked. Install white Marvin, aluminum-clad wood windows where indicated above infill. Repair/rebuild door at top of fire escape to match existing and mid-level fire escape door to be replaced with single light door. New black architectural asphalt roofing shingles on existing entry canopy.

Shirley Owens – aye. Fran Dumas – aye. Christopher Wright – 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 the same conversations on some topics.

A **MOTION** by Chris Wright and a **SECOND** from Shirley Owens to approve the May 14, 2019 minutes.

Shirley Owens – aye. Fran Dumas – aye. Christopher Wright – aye. Andy Baus – aye. Jacky Olevnik aye.

Motion carried.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

- Notification of new property owners. Attorney Brockman reported the municipal employees who received new utility customer information would not be asked to convey new property owner information to the Historic Commission.
- Flow Chart. Trustee Stewart said he had the final version of the flow chart reflecting the changes the commissioners had asked for. He said anyone could look at it again if they wanted to.
- Code office referral. Bruce Lyon asked if the commissioners would tell applicants who were given approval to call the code office before they begin the project so he could assess whether or not they needed a permit.
- Commissioner resignation. Commissioner Wright announced he had been offered a position out of state. He said tonight was his last meeting. The secretary asked if he had notified the mayor. He said he would send a resignation email.

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A **MOTION** by Andy Baus and a **SECOND** from Chris Wright to adjourn the meeting at 7:15PM.

Shirley Owens – aye. Fran Dumas – aye. Christopher Wright – aye. Andy Baus – aye. Jacky Olevnik aye.

Motion carried.

Submitted by Secretary:

Lynn Duryea