

**Village of Penn Yan Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes July 13, 2021**

**111 Elm Street MUB ROOM
5:30 pm**

Present: Maggie Kessler-Chair, Shirley Owens, Tom Barden, Melissa Parsons, Rich Stewart-VB Liaison, Jamie Kincaid-Code, Lynn Duryea-Secy.

Absent: Marcia Kneeland, Andy Baus.

Public Present: Lindsey Dean, Paulina Garces-Reid, Sam Castner, Jared Stoltzfus.

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A **MOTION** by Tom Barden and a **SECOND** from Melissa Parson to change the June 8, 2021 minutes to remove the names; Marcia Kneeland and Fran Dumas from the voting roster for the meeting adjournment, and to change the vote for Commissioner Parsons to a nay on the application from Joseph Rominski for demolition and re-build at 225 Main Street.

Tom Barden-aye. Melissa Parsons-aye. Maggie Kessler-aye. Carried.

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FIRST ITEM: Application from Pauline Garces for a mural at 100 E. Elm Street.

Paulina Garces, Lindsey Dean and Sam Castner were present. Commissioner Barden indicated he thought the mural depicted a nice presentation of the area's features. Mr. Castner mentioned they had public meetings to solicit input from the community. He said the forum feedback resulted in the mural they created. He stated the mural would take roughly 2 weeks to paint if the weather was permitting.

A **MOTION** by Melissa Parsons and a **SECOND** from Tom Barden to approve the application for a mural to be as depicted in color rendering attached to application.

Shirley Owens-aye. Tom Barden-aye. Melissa Parsons-aye. Carried.

The applicant asked to have the copies of the mural returned to them for privacy reasons.

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NEXT ITEM: Application from Jared Stoltzfus for entry tile changes to previous certificate for 3 Main St. Jared Stoltzfus was present and explained he did not intend to include the black border shown on the floor mockup. He said that was a mistake he didn't catch. Jamie pointed out the tiled area is not a square so there would not normally be any kind of solid border along the edges. The commissioners had no objections to the tile entry without the black border.

A **MOTION** by Shirley Owens and a **SECOND** from Tom Barden to approve the application to amend the previously issued certificate, dated 4-15-21, to exclude the black border shown in the earlier depiction.

Shirley Owens-aye. Tom Barden-aye. Melissa Parsons-aye. Carried.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

- 114-116 Main Street

Commissioner Barden commented on how nice the alterations at 114-116 Main Street turned out. He said it was very similar to the original look of that historic building.

- Review of existing guidelines

Chairman Kessler said she wanted to discuss whether or not they were following the guidelines. She referred to the page of font samples presented at a prior meeting that were not required of the applicant. Jamie explained font choice is not restricted to the page she had. It was only examples of many styles to select from. The chairman pointed out they should be following the guidelines so there would be uniformity in all application approvals. She asked if the others wanted to have a working meeting outside of the monthly meeting to review the guidelines and make changes, if necessary, with the focus and goal to have rules that could be in writing to give to all applicants going forward. Commissioner Barden agreed and suggested they go through the guidelines and make everything consistent. Commissioner Owens mentioned problems homeowners were having with paint that would not last but how vinyl was forbidden as a solution. Commissioner Barden said many people hate the Historic Preservation Commission because they cannot use vinyl and have other constraints that prevent them from maintaining their homes due to the expense. He said he agreed they should go through the

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guidelines and make changes so there were consistent rules to follow. Lynn said she needed to know what paperwork to provide so she wanted to know what guidelines they were talking about changing. Commissioner Owens said the ones in the code book. Chapter 110 regulations. The commissioners decided to schedule a working meeting for Tuesday, August 3rd at 5:30pm in the Main Board Room.

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A MOTION by Shirley Owens and a **SECOND** from Tom Barden to adjourn the meeting at 6:35PM.
Shirley Owens-aye. Tom Barden-aye. Melissa Parsons-aye. Carried.

Submitted by Secretary:

Lynn Duryea