

Town of Newburgh
Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes November 12, 2020

Members Present:

Jim Renne, Brent Grafe, Heather Cutrell, David Wills, Troy Wells, Don Shanks

Advisory Members Present:

Candice Croix; Sue Morrison, Advisory

Administrative Present:

Stacie Krieger, Council Liaison; Chris Wischer, Town Attorney; Tavi Wydicks, Zoning Administrator

Members & Administrative Absent:

Jeff Cox

Citizens Present:

Mr. & Mrs. Basinski, 24 W. Jennings Street

Paul Elpers, Elpers Construction

Mr. Simpson, 217 W. Jennings Street

Jonathan Bond, 201 W. Main Street

Don & Karen Gore, 609 W. Jennings Street

New Business:

COA Application – 609 W. Jennings Street

Don Gore stated that he received a COA for the demolition and a variance to reduce the lot size and front setback requirements. Jim Renne asked the Commission if any of the members had any questions, comments, or concerns. There were none. Mr. Renne stated that he has reviewed the application and the new construction is consistent with the area.

David Wills moved to approve the COA application. Brent Grafe seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

COA Application – 201 W. Main Street

Jim Renne asked the Commission if any of the members had any questions, comments, or concerns. There were none.

Troy Wells moved to approve the COA application. Don Shanks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

COA Application – 24 W. Jennings Street

Jim Renne stated that the Commission received a complete application with sufficient evidence to make a decision. Mr. Renne asked the Commission if any of the members had any questions, comments, or concerns. There were none.

David Wills moved to approve the COA application. Troy Wells seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

COA Application – 217 W. Jennings Street

Jim Renne stated that the work appears to be mostly in back and there is little to no change to the front. Mr. Simpson clarified that there will be no changes to the front of the structure, they will be removing and replacing the shingles, and will use rough cut cedar board and batten siding on the dormers. Mr. Renne asked the Commission if any of the members had any questions, comments, or concerns. There were none.

Don Shanks moved to approve the COA application. Heather Cutrell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Council Liaison:

Stacie Krieger stated that there is nothing to report from the Council meeting, but she did want the Commission to know that all five Council members received a letter from Cynthia Burger regarding the number of historic homes being demolished. Ms. Krieger stated that she advised her to reach out to the Commission.

Chris Wischer stated that he has received several questions regarding the demolition of 24 W. Jennings Street and he has told everyone that the Commission went above and beyond in making the decision to allow the demolition and that he believes the right decision was made.

Indiana Landmarks:

Candice Croix stated that she was also roped into some discussions regarding the demolition of 24 W. Jennings Street and that she explained the reasoning behind the decision. Stacie Krieger stated that she was told that all materials that could be salvaged were.

Certified Local Government:

No report.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion – 221 State Street Garage

Chris Wischer stated that he is still working with Ms. Richards attorney and he will have the agreement draft ready for the December meeting.

Announcements:

Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present:

Adjourn:

David Wills moved adjourned the meeting.
Troy Wells seconded and the motion carried.

Approved @ Virtual Meeting
Chair

T. Wyduck
Recorder