

Town of Newburgh  
Historic Preservation Commission  
November 9, 2021  
Meeting held via Zoom – All Participants attended virtually

**Members Present:**

Jim Renne, Heather Cutrell, Troy Wells, Brent Grafe

**Advisory Members Present:**

Sue Morrison

**Administrative Present:**

Stacie Krieger, Town Council Liaison; Tavi Wydicks, Zoning Administrator

**Members & Administrative Absent:**

David Wills, Jeff Cox, Chris Wischer, Town Attorney

**Citizens Present:**

Dilip Patel, 2 E. Water Street

**Reading, Correction, and Approval of Previous Minutes:**

Troy Wells moved to approve the previous meeting minutes. Heather Cutrell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS:**

**Town Council Liaison:**

Stacie Krieger stated that Council meets tomorrow night and the Annexation Public Hearing will be 11/22/2021. Ms. Krieger stated that the second Council meeting in November will be held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Indiana Landmarks Southwest Field Office:**

No report.

**Staff Report and Code Enforcement Update:**

Tavi Wydicks stated that 323 Sycamore Street should be demolished in the next week or two. Ms. Wydicks stated that she heard back from Center Pointe today and they expect to have the services disconnected tomorrow, which means Stemaly Excavating will be able to proceed with the demolition as soon as their schedule allows. Stacie Krieger asked Ms. Wydicks if the property at 111 Plum Street had been cleaned up and Ms. Wydicks responded and stated that she drove by the property today, and it had been mowed but the items had not been removed. Ms. Wydicks stated that the weed violation has been abated, but the nuisance violation remains and the property owners have until November 16, 2021 to abate the nuisance violation and that if it is not abated by that date, the Town can take the next steps. Ms. Wydicks stated that the property located on the corner of Section and Hillcrest that has been on the Code Enforcement list did have a new roof installed, but there are some other areas of concern that she will be addressing. Jim Renne stated that the house at the dead end on Locust is in need of some attention. Ms. Wydicks stated that she was made aware of this property and it has recently been added to the list.

**Newburgh Neighbor Committee:**

No report.

**Certified Local Government:**

Tavi Wydicks stated that she included a sign off sheet and video link in the packet. Ms. Wydicks stated that she would like for all Commission members to watch the training video, and then complete the sign off sheet and return to her. Ms. Wydicks noted that she failed to include a signature line and stated that she would correct the sign off sheet and email it, along with the video link, to all Commission members tomorrow. Ms. Wydicks stated that she did check with Steve Kennedy prior to sharing the link and he stated that staff had permission to share the link with the Commission members. Ms. Wydicks stated that she discussed this with Mr. Renne and Mr. Renne chose the video that he felt would be most useful to the Commission. Ms. Wydicks stated that the purpose of this is to get 100% involvement in continuing education from the Commission so it can be reported on the CLG audit.

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### *Discussion – District Expansion*

Ms. Wydicks stated that this item will remain on hold.

#### *Discussion – 221 State Street Garage*

Ms. Wydicks stated that this item will remain on hold.

### **New Business:**

#### *COA Application – LaVeranda*

Dilip Patel stated that he would like to make the building look more uniform by adding an apartment unit above the storage addition. Jim Renne stated that the addition would be consistent with the district with commercial space on the first floor and residential above the first floor. Tavi Wydicks stated the materials would match those previously approved by the Commission for the storage addition. Stacie Krieger asked Mr. Patel if the second-floor addition would be any higher than the existing and Mr. Patel responded no.

Troy Wells moved to approve the COA application as presented. Brent Grafe seconded the motion and the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Jim Renne – Yes	Troy Wells – Yes
Heather Cutrell – Yes	Brent Grafe – Yes

#### *COA Application – 220 W. Jennings Street*

Jim Renne asked if anyone was present to represent the application and Ms. Wydicks stated that she received an email earlier today from the applicant stating that she was not going to be able to attend the meeting. Ms. Wydicks stated that she told the applicant that she would present the COA, but that the Commission may hold the application until she or her contractor are able to attend. Mr. Renne stated that he would like the petitioner to be present to answer questions about the project and the Commission agreed. Mr. Renne stated that he would like to know what material is under the existing siding, and Ms. Wydicks stated that the siding had already been removed and the structure is currently only paper. The Commission discussed the use of vinyl siding and The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation's views on the use of vinyl siding. Mr. Renne asked if the applicant had looked into composite siding or other manufacturers for aluminum siding and Ms. Wydicks stated that she did not know. Ms. Wydicks stated that she generally would not bring an application for vinyl siding to the Commission, but with the letter stating aluminum siding was not available and the previous siding already being removed, she was not sure what the Commission would like to do. Ms. Wydicks stated that she would contact the property owner and ask her to look at other siding options, to include other aluminum siding manufacturers, and see what is available. Ms. Wydicks stated that if cost of other materials is an issue, she will ask the property to present estimates in writing to prove hardship. Ms. Wydicks stated that this application would be tabled until the next meeting.

### **Announcements:**

Stacie Krieger asked Tavi Wydicks if she had found a replacement for Don Shanks and Ms. Wydicks stated that she had not, but there is someone interested and she would reach out to them tomorrow to discuss. Jim Renne stated that he would reach out to Chris Schafer to see if he was interested in filing the opening as well.

**Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present:**

None.

**Adjourn:**

Troy Wells moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Renne seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approved via Zoom 2/10/2022

Chair

T. Wells  
Recorder