

Town of Newburgh
Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes February 13, 2020

Members Present:

David Wills, Jim Renne, Jeff Cox, Troy Wells, Heather Cutrell

Advisory Members Present:

Sue Morrison

Administrative Present:

Chris Wischer, Town Attorney; Tavi Wydicks, Zoning Administrator

Members & Administrative Absent:

Stacie Krieger, Council Liaison; Brent Grafe

Citizens Present:

Reading, Correction and Approval of Previous Minutes:

Jeff Cox made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting.
David Wills seconded. No discussion. Motion was approved.

REPORTS:

Town Council Liaison:

No report.

Indiana Landmarks Southwest Field Office:

No report.

Jim Renne stated that Indiana Landmarks hired Candice Croix as Stewart Sebree's replacement and that she would be starting soon.

Staff Report and Code Enforcement Update:

Tavi Wydicks stated that she received Jim Lang's resignation after the January meeting, so there is another open seat on the Commission. Ms. Wydicks stated that Don Shanks is interested in serving on the Commission and the Commission discussed Mr. Shanks. Ms. Wydicks stated that she would reach out to Mr. Shanks to make sure he was still interested.

Tavi Wydicks stated that there is no update on Code Enforcement.

Newburgh Neighbor Residential Grant Program:

Tavi Wydicks stated that she submitted a grant application to the Women's Club and hopes to hear back from them soon.

Certified Local Government:

No report.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion – District Expansion

The Commission asked staff to include the previously presented information on the district expansion to the March meeting packet and staff agreed. Jeff Cox discussed the district expansion.

New Business:

Discussion – 221 State Street Garage

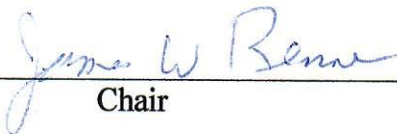
Tavi Wydicks provided a staff report detailing what siding material was approved by the Commission, what siding material was installed, and a copy of the email conversation between staff and the property owner. Ms. Wydicks stated that she went back and listened to the recorded minutes, and it was clearly stated that cement based siding was the proposed and approved siding material to be used for the garage. Commission questioned what made this different from the previous case where vinyl siding was not approved and still used. Chris Wischer stated that the main difference is that 221 State Street is located in the Core Historic District, so all structures have to follow guidelines. Ms. Wydicks stated that with the previous issue of vinyl siding being used when the COA did not allow for it, the structures only historic significance was the foundation, which has been mostly removed due to damage. Ms. Wydicks stated that 221 State Street is one of the main historic structures in Newburgh and the first one leading into the core district coming in to Town from the north. The Commission discussed the email conversation between staff and the property owner. The Commission discussed their options – removal of the vinyl siding and installation of cement based siding and/or fines. The Commission discussed COA's and application for COA requirements. Ms. Wydicks stated that she has made some amendments to the COA application to include more information and a list of requirements from the guidelines that have to be submitted prior to a COA application being placed on the agenda. The Commission discussed adding additional language regarding penalties for not following the COA to the COA form and Ms. Wydicks stated that she would draft something and send it to legal for review. Jim Renne suggested allowing the property owner 30 days to create a plan for correction, and if not presented to the Commission at the next meeting, implement fines. Mr. Wischer suggested reaching out to the property owner and asking her to attend the next meeting with a plan for correction, and let her know that if she does not attend, fines will begin. David Wills stated that he believes there should be a timeline attached to the plan as well. David Wills moved to require a plan and timeline to be presented at the March 12, 2020 HPC meeting, or fines will be enforced. Jeff Cox seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present:

Adjourn:

Jim Renne adjourned the meeting.



Chair



Recorder