# Town of Newburgh Historic Preservation Commission Minutes June 8, 2017

#### **Members Present:**

Jim Renne, Steven Shoemaker, Jeff Cox, Troy Wells

### **Administrative Present:**

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

## **Advisory Present:**

None

## **Members & Administrative Absent:**

David Wills, Brent Grafe

## **Citizens Present:**

None

## Reading, Correction and Approval of Previous Minutes:

Jim Renne stated that his name was misspelled. Jeff Cox made a note of the correction. Steve Shoemaker made a motion to accept the minutes with the required corrections. Troy Wells seconded. No discussion. Motion was approved.

#### **REPORTS:**

#### **Town Council Liaison:**

No Report

#### Staff:

Tavi Wydicks stated that she has issued five (5) COAs since the April meeting. Ms. Wydicks stated that the expansion approval letters were mailed out and she did receive a few calls wanting clarification of whether or not their home had a historic rating, but no calls from anyone unhappy with the decision. Ms. Wydicks stated that the Historic Preservation Party went well; and Chris Wischer, Jim Renne, and the owners of Barefoot Cottage all spoke, and it was a very nice event.

## **Certified Local Government:**

No Report

### **Unfinished Business:**

None

#### **New Business:**

COA Application - 125 W. Jennings Street, Laura Ellsworth

Ms. Wydicks stated that Ms. Ellsworth is requesting to build a new garage on the property, and there was a garage previously there that was demolished years ago, and she wants to build the new garage in the same location. Ms. Wydicks stated that they will be using hardie board siding that will match the color of the home, vinyl windows and asphalt shingles that will match those on the home. Ms. Wydicks stated that this is an R-2 property that is part of the core district. Ms. Wydicks provided the commission with photos showing the location of the garage. Ms. Wydicks stated that Ms. Ellsworth will be going before BZA the end of June to requesting a setback variance for the garage to reduce the rear yard setback from 3' to 2' and the side yard setback from 6' to 0.50'.

The commission discussed the demolition of the previous garage and the new construction.

Steve Shoemaker moved to approve the COA application. Troy Wells seconded and the motion carried.

### Discussion – Historic Homes to Monitor

Ms. Wydicks stated that the homes on the list were found during code enforcement drive arounds or by request from a Council and/or Commission member. The commission discussed the homes that are the on the list to monitor. Jeff Cox asked Chris Wischer was the course of action, and Mr. Wischer stated that the tool that would need to be used is code enforcement. Mr. Wischer suggested sending a letter to request a meeting to discuss the concerns with the properties instead of send violation letters from the beginning. The commission agreed to start by having Ms. Wydicks try to call all owners that she is able to find a phone number for and report back at the July meeting.

Steve Shoemaker moved to request for Ms. Wydicks to contact all of the property owners that she can find phone numbers for and report back to the July meeting. Troy Wells seconded and the motion carried.

#### **Announcements:**

None

### **Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present:**

None

### Adjourn:

Jeff Cox made a motion to adjourn. Steve Shoemaker seconded and the motion carried.

Next Meeting will be July 13, 2017 at 5:45 p.m.

Chair 7/12

Recorder