

Town of Newburgh
Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes October 18, 2018

Members Present:

Jeff Cox, Jim Renne, Randee Bugher, Troy Wells

Advisory Members Present:

Sue Morrison

Administrative Present:

Tavi Wydicks, Zoning Administrator

Members & Administrative Absent:

David Wills, Steve Shoemaker, Brent Grafe, Stewart Sebree, Stacie Krieger, Chris Wischer

Citizens Present:

Paula Lorenzen

Reading, Correction and Approval of Previous Minutes:

Jim Renne made a motion to accept the minutes from the 9/13/2018 and 9/18/2018 meetings. Troy Wells seconded. No discussion. Motion was approved.

REPORTS:

Town Council Liaison:

No Report.

Indiana Landmarks Southwest Field Office:

No Report.

Staff Report and Code Enforcement Update

Tavi Wydicks provided the Commission members with copies of the inspection reports for houses under code enforcement. Ms. Wydicks stated that follow-up letters were sent to the owners of the properties that had been inspected, and that they were given 30 days to make the necessary repairs or provide an approved plan for repairs. Ms. Wydicks stated that a new property was added to the code enforcement list and a letter was sent to the owner requesting an inspection. Ms. Wydicks stated that she would follow up on all letters sent and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

Certified Local Government:

No Report.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

COA Applicant – 227 Cypress Street

Tavi Wydicks stated that the renovation project at 227 Cypress Street involves a lot of work and provided a full list of plans to the Commission. Ms. Wydicks explained to the Commission that the interior work had already been permitted, and Mrs. Lorenzen was in attendance to get the exterior renovations and additions approved. Jeff Cox stated that the COA application involves six requests:

1. Relocate front door to center; and renovate and add railing to existing front porch. The Commission reviewed the plans for the new location of the front door. Jim Renne asked if the actual door would be as

shown in the plans provided, and Mrs. Lorenzen responded and said that the door is different than shown and then provided the Commission with a photo of the door that she is planning to use. The Commission determined that the proposed door was not appropriate and advised Mrs. Lorenzen that a door similar in style to the one in the plan or what is existing would need to be chosen. The Commission discussed the replacement of the existing boards on the front porch with either wood or composite decking. The Commission determined that either product would be appropriate. The Commission discussed the addition of a black metal railing and movement of the stairs off the porch to match up to the new door location and determined both to be appropriate.

2. Replacement windows. The Commission asked if the home currently has vinyl windows and Mrs. Lorenzen answered yes. The Commission agreed that the change was like for like and appropriate.
3. Replace existing cedar siding with vinyl siding. The Commission reviewed the request to replace the existing siding and determined that vinyl siding would not be appropriate. The Commission suggested repairing the damaged sections of the existing cedar siding and painting it, or replacing the existing side with a material that would be like for like. Mrs. Lorenzen stated that she would repair the existing siding and repaint.
4. Addition of a detached post building. The Commission reviewed the site plan for the post building and discussed the location and determined most of the structure would not be easily visible from the public way. The Commission determined the addition to be appropriate and suggested eaves are added to the front.
5. Addition of retaining wall in rear yard. Tavi Wydicks asked Mrs. Lorenzen if the retaining wall would be inside the fenced in area of the backyard, and Mrs. Lorenzen answered yes. The Commission determined that because the retaining wall would not be visible from the public way, a COA would not be required.
6. Rear fence. Tavi Wydicks asked Mrs. Lorenzen if the fence would only be in the rear yard and Mrs. Lorenzen answered yes. Ms. Wydicks stated that the proposed material was white vinyl. The Commission determined the fence and material would be appropriate.

Jeff Cox moved to approve the COA with cedar, or like, siding; and pending approval of door option by staff. Jim Renne seconded. No discussion. Motion was approved.

Unfinished Business:

None

Announcements:

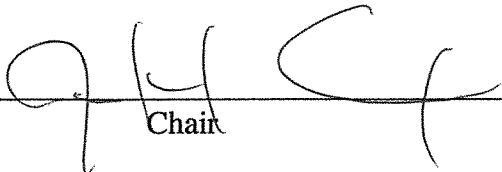
None

Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present:

None

Adjourn:

Troy Wells made a motion to adjourn.
Jeff Cox seconded and the motion carried.


Chair


Recorder