

Town of Newburgh  
Historic Preservation Commission  
Minutes April 13, 2017

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**Members Present:**

Jim Renne, Steven Shoemaker, Jeff Cox, Troy Wells, David Wills, Brent Grafe

**Administrative Present:**

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

**Advisory Present:**

Sue Morrison, Stewart Sebree

**Members & Administrative Absent:**

David Wills, Brent Grafe

**Citizens Present:**

None

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

Steve Shoemaker made a motion to accept the minutes. Troy Wells seconded. No discussion. Motion was approved.

**REPORTS:**

**Town Council Liaison:**

No Report

**Indiana Landmarks Southwest Field Office:**

Stewart Sebree gave a brief report on the Indiana Landmarks.

**Staff:**

Tavi Wydicks stated that she has issued five (5) COAs for 2017.

*Election of Officers*

Steve Shoemaker moved to keep Jeff Cox as Commission Chair. Troy Wells seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion was approved.

Steve Shoemaker moved for Jim Reene to be Vice Chair. Jeff Cox seconded. No discussion. Motion was approved.

Tavi Wydicks will be sending out letters to all residences that are in the new approved historic district. Ms. Wydicks asked the Commission what information they would like in the letter.

Why the Historic Preservation Commission expanded the historic district.

How it affects them – primary vs. secondary.

It was requested that the letter have as little legal verbiage as possible.

Ms. Wydicks will draft a letter and send it to Chris Wischer. It was also requested that real estate agencies get the letters as well.

Ms. Wydicks stated that while out on code enforcement she has noticed a few historic houses that are showing signs of deterioration. Ms. Wydicks stated that one of the issues that people had during the expansion talk was that the Town let houses go that were already in the historic district. Ms. Wydicks suggested being proactive and start addressing a few houses around town. Ms. Wydicks will get a list together for the Commission.

**Certified Local Government:**

No Report

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

*Charles Marx – 100 E. Main Street*

Charles Marx and his wife believe that their residence at 100 E. Main Street is no longer historic. Mr. Marx gave each member a packet with pictures of why he believes 100 E. Main Street is no longer historic.

- The wooden porch is now concrete with a brick layer on top.
- The ceiling of the porch had wooden beams but is now vinyl.
- The front porch supports use to be concrete block with concrete block going up & wood but now they are PVC pipe.
  - The porch is visible from Main Street & Middle Street
- The back porch/side porch – the side on Middle Street – is no longer wood flooring and no longer has the wood beam on top and now has vinyl and is about to get more repairs due to the posts giving way.
- The roof line has drastically been changed due to the upstairs addition.
- A large tree in a picture that Mr. Marx gave the Commission is no longer there.
- The house use to be aluminum siding and is all now vinyl.
- There is also door that has been removed.
- The rear chimney had to be raised to meet code.
- New windows have been put in the back of the house.
- An outhouse that was on the property has been removed.

Chris Wischer stated that Mr. Marx is not asking to be removed from the historic district but to just have the historic designation removed from his residence. The residence is marked as contributing.

Chris Wischer and Stewart Sebree discussed the request.

Steve Shoemaker made a motion to move 100 E. Main Street to non-historic.

Jim Renne seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

Chris Wischer will bring this recommendation to Town Council.

*Historic Preservation Party*

Tavi Wydicks stated that Helen Zimmerman could not be at the meeting tonight but they met earlier in the day. Ms. Wydicks stated that each member has a draft copy of the invitation. A decision has still not been made on the plaques, so that will create a smaller group. Ms. Wydicks stated we have the option to have it at Barefoot Cottage or Preservation Hall. A discussion was had on where to hold the event. The Commission stated that the event should be held at Barefoot Cottage.

Beth Martin from Barefoot Cottage will speak about the renovations to the building, Chris Wischer will speak about the historic expansion and Jim Renne will give a report about the historic preservation conference.

Ms. Wydicks asked who should notify the homeowners and it was decided that Helen from HNI should contact the homeowners.

A discussion was had on what everyone would bring to the event.

*Historic District Expansion Follow Up*

Tavi Wydicks stated they already discussed this and will get the letter together for review soon.

Steve Shoemaker stated he thought it would show good faith if they could waive the COAs for a period of time. A discussion was had on how long they would waive them for.

Steve Shoemaker made a motion to waive the COA fee for the rest of 2017.

Troy Wells seconded.

Aye: Steve, Jeff, Troy

Nay: Jim

Motion passed.

Tavi Wydicks will bring the request to waive COA fee for the rest of 2017 to Town Council.

**Announcements:**

None

**Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present:**

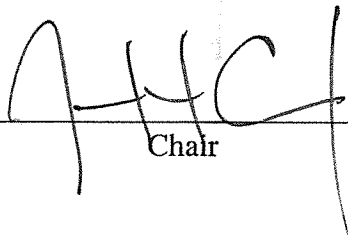
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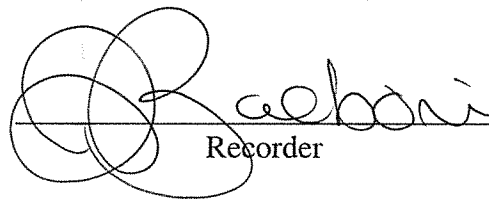
**Adjourn:**

Jeff Cox made a motion to adjourn.

Troy Wells seconded and the motion carried.

Next Meeting will be the Historic Preservation Party May 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

  
Chair

  
Recorder