

**Town of Amherst
Historic Preservation Commission
March 9, 2021
Minutes**

7:06 Meeting called to order

Attendees:

- Sue Palmer, Chair
- Norm Hirschey, Member
- Mary Lou Mancuso, Member
- Brian Swartz, Member
- Kate Waterman-Kulpa, Vice Chair
- Joe Buscaglia, Member
- Debbie Bucki, Town of Amherst Liaison
- Carrie Stiver, Resource Person
- Ann Demopoulos, Town Attorney
- Roberta Rappocio, Planning Department

Approval of February 9, 2021 minutes:

Motion to accept-Joe Buscaglia

Second Mary Lou Mancuso

Approved-Unanimous

New Business:

1. Demolition permit sought for 4705 Main Street, Amherst, 14226 by James Pauly on behalf of Ken and Elizabeth Wilson, owners. Located in a historic district. Mr. Pauly seeks permission for demolition due to a compromised foundation, mold issues, water in basement. The updated Reconnaissance Survey identified 4705 Main Street as a potential contributing (or non-contributing) property in the "Audubon Terrace Historic District" as noted per page one, appendix one. The potential District's theme was identified in the survey as early 20th century featuring a variety of styles such as Bungalow, Prairie, Colonial Revival, Tudor Revival but specifically, including homes of the Charles Burhardt residential subdivision. After discussion by the Commission members it was determined this particular property had a non-contributing house to the potential district. It did not reflect the same characteristics or architectural features as the houses surrounding it and did not meet the intent of the description of the potential district. A motion was made by Joe to approve demolition, seconded by Kate. A roll call vote was taken: Joe Buscaglia, yes; Kate Waterman-Kulpa, yes; Norm Hirschey, yes; Mary Lou Mancuso, no; Brian Swartz yes: Approved 4:1

2. Approval sought for replacement sign at 1323 North Forest Road. A motion was made to approve with the following conditions: material to be carved 3" high density urethane, carved with white a metal edging. It will be attached to the existing poles which will be painted and repaired as required. The sign is to be six feet wide by four feet high including the tenant's signs attached by eye bolts under the Wilcox sign. Future tenants may be swapped out if same shape and color as proposed in the sign application.
Motion to approve sign application made by Kate seconded by Joe with conditions. Roll Call vote: Joe Buscaglia, yes; Norm Hirschey, yes; Mary Lou Mancuso, yes; Sue Palmer, yes; Kate Waterman-Kulpa, yes. Carried unanimously.
3. Application for certificate of appropriateness to change shutter color at 1323 North Forest from hunter green to black. Discussion included if front shutters were appropriate but no amendments were made to application. Motion to approve from B. Swartz , second by J.Buscaglia; carried unanimously.
4. Landmark application for 625 Frankhauser- application is incomplete. Sending letter to applicant and give them 30 days to revise application. It is architecturally incomplete and the elevations need to be indicated pictorially. The criteria on which to advance this was also unclear. Motion to adjourn to next meeting until they reply with requested information. Motion by Sue Palmer to adjourn the landmark application for 625 Frankhauser to the April 13, 2021 meeting. Second by Kate Waterman-Kulpa. Carried unanimously
5. Review of forms and process to simplify for people making application and for the building department. Members asked to review updated Certificate of Appropriateness, along with additional documents sent by Sue Palmer. Review what Ann sent as well and revisit at next meeting.

Old Business

1. May be asked by Councilwoman Jacqui Berger for emergency meeting for roofing review materials for two roof replacements at BNHV.
2. Westwood-no change
3. Harlem Road Community center-no change
4. CLG Grant Award- still researching items connected with Preservation Day in August due to Covid restraints. All invited to attend Maple Syrup weekend at the end of March
5. Education Plan- Sue Palmer spoke with Tim ray regarding changes for the website
6. St. Pauls; St. Benedicts-no change
7. Forest Lawn- no change
8. Historic entranceway at Main and Lamarck- Kate Waterman-Kulpa owes the Planning Department some comments regarding the NYSDOT's response.

9. Eggertsville Burial Grounds-hoping to accomplish this summer
10. 404 Mill Street Boiler House-no change

Note: Greg Pinto is moving and asked to be removed as a resource person. He was thanked for his long time service. Forward his resignation to the town clerk. Motion to close meeting Kate Waterman-Kulpa, second by Brian Swartz, carried unanimously.