Village of Kinderhook
Historic Preservation Commission
Special Meeting - June 11, 2020
(via Public Zoom Meeting)

Present: Ken Neilson - Chairperson, Ruth Piwonka, Tim Husband, Randal Dawkins, Sean Sawyer

Absent: -

Others Present: Jim Dunham - Village Mayor Liaison, Peter Bujanow - Code Enforcement Officer, Michael Susi, Dorene Weir

Workshops: -

K. Neilson brought the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.

Minutes: Motion made to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2020. Moved: S. Sawyer; Second: T. Husband. Motion carried.

Funds Available: $2,600

Correspondence: -

New Business: <u>**17 Albany Ave/Gutters/Sean Sawyer & Michael Susi**</u>
S. Sawyer presented the Commission with his application to replace existing metal and plastic gutters and install new galvanized steel gutters. The gutter configuration will remain the same as existing gutters. When removing gutters, siding and trim areas that are rotted will be replaced with cedar or another rot-resistant wood. Applicant provided pictures of front, back, and sides of house along with product information, this gutter is one of the HPC's recommended gutters.

Motion made to approve the application for gutters at 17 Albany Ave meeting criteria in Chapter 75-7B (1 & 4) and Chapter 75-7C (1 & 4).
Moved: T. Husband; Second: R. Dawkins. Motion carried.
(As the applicant, S. Sawyer recused himself from the approval process.)

A check for $10 for the application fee will be dropped in the mail slot of the Village Hall.

Other: <u>**Chapter 75 "Landmarks and Historic Districts in the Village of Kinderhook"**</u>
Discussion was had on Chapter 75 as a result of K. Neilson's previously sent email proposing language changes to Chapter 75 after his extensive research with code language used by other cities.

<u>Email excerpt:</u>
"This one would have to be added: - ***"Exterior Environmental Features"*** *– Means all those aspects of the landscape or the development of a site which affect the historic character of the property.*

This one could replace our definition of Alter: - ***"Material Change in Appearance"*** *– Means a change that will affect either the exterior architectural or environmental features of a historic property or any building, structure, site, object, landscape feature or work of art within a historic district, such as:*
1. *A reconstruction or alteration of the size, shape or facade of a historic property, including relocation of any doors or windows or removal or alteration of any architectural features, details or elements;*
2. *Demolition or relocation of a historic structure*
3. *Commencement of excavation for construction purposes; or*
4. *The erection, alteration, restoration of any building or other structure within a historic property or district, including walls, fences, steps and pavements, or other appurtenant features."*

Discussion continued with definition of "structure" as it relates to pavement, walkways, driveways, concrete, slab, pea stone. R. Piwonka noted "structure" definition for HPC code vs Zoning code are viewed differently. The HPC code for "structure" is more defined and she recommended if any changes are made to the HPC code, those changes should be even more specific.
K. Neilson suggested creating a list of acceptable coverings that are specifically defined. Discussion with the Village Attorney may be needed. Shrubs, potted plants, types of screening, permanency, paint color choices were also discussed. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance is another consideration when reviewing existing code.

K. Neilson requested all Commission members review, research, and send proposed language modification for structure definition to him and he'll discuss with Village Attorney prior to our next meeting.

Once language changes for Chapter 75 have been approved by the Commission, they will be forwarded to the Village Board for a Public Hearing.

Next meeting of the HPC - July 16, 2020.

Motion made to adjourn at 7:45 pm.
Moved: T..Husband; Second: R. Dawkins. Motion carried.

_____Jacqueline Bujanow, Secretary
Historic Preservation Commission