

**Village of Kinderhook**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting - February 18, 2021**  
**(via Public Zoom Meeting)**

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

**Absent:** Tim Husband

**Others Present:** Dale Leiser - Village Mayor, Michael Abrams - Village Board Liaison, Peter Bujanow - Code Enforcement Officer, Mark Browne - Village Board Trustee, Paul Calcagno, Stephanie Lally, Kristina Lang, Stuart Peckner, Renee Shur, Wendy Spielmann, Dana Spot, Dorene Weir

**Workshops:**

**Mills Park, Albany Ave - Directional Signage**

It was determined that the directional signage for Mills Park is not in the Historic District, however, Village Board Trustee and Trail Manager Mark Browne requested to present the sign to the Historic Preservation Commission for their input. A diagram of the proposed sign was presented, a block sign, standard lettering, between 2 posts with various directional arrows pointing to: Kinderhook Historic District, Van Buren gravesite, Columbia County Historical Society, The School Jack Shaman Gallery, Kinderhook Memorial Library, Persons of Color Cemetery, Rothermel Park/Restrooms & Trail Parking, Bicycle Repair, & Food & Drink. Also included on the sign was a QR code which will link to the Village's web page and/or Facebook page linking to other various establishments or events. Approximate location of the sign would be at Mills Park, close to the crossing at Albany Avenue. It is the hope of those using the trail will pause, read the sign, and possibly come off the trail and visit the Village.

**Commission Feedback:**

- Milage to the Kinderhook Historic District should be corrected to .1 mi as opposed to .3 mi which takes you to the center of the Village.
- Question on bicycle repair and its location (behind the Bagel Tyme in Valatie), a public sign recommending a commercial establishment in regard to how permanent the business will be in relation to the longevity of the signage, may need to alter sign in future. It was also stated the company is providing funds to offset the sign expense.
- It was noted the direction of the arrow for the Persons of Color Cemetery in one diagram presented was different than the diagram

with the post. M. Browne stated they will review/revise all arrows before printing.

- It was suggested the dimension of 36” be changed to 24” or 30” which would reduce the overall print size of the sign.

M. Browne will take all suggestions back to the committee for their review.

K. Neilson brought the meeting to order at 7:19 pm.

**Minutes:** Motion made to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2021.  
Moved: R. Dawkins; Second: R. Piwonka. Motion carried.

**Funds Remaining:** \$1,412.30

**Correspondence:** Received correspondence from Renee Shur requesting clarification of the HPC’s role in contacting property owners or service providers concerning unsightly signage at Consolidated Communications on Broad St at the entrance to the Village’s business district. In addition, the service cover/junction box location between the McNary Center and 4 Sylvester St., which has been progressively tipping over. It is believed to have been installed by Spectrum Communication and is not connected with 4 Sylvester St. Correspondence forwarded to P. Bujanow, Code Enforcement Officer.

**New Business:** **1-3 Broad St/Steps & Railing/Paul Calcagno**  
P. Calcagno presented his application to the Commission to replace the existing concrete step and rebuild with a wider stone. Iron railings to be drilled and mounted on both sides of the new step. This change will improve the step height when entering the building.

Motion made to approve the application for the step and railings meeting criteria in Chapter 75-7B (1, 2, 3, & 4) and Chapter 75-7C (1, 2, & 3).  
Moved: S. Sawyer; Second: R. Piwonka. Motion carried.

Received \$10 application fee in the Village Office.

**1-3 Broad St/Sails/Paul Calcagno**  
P. Calcagno presented his application for sails over the outdoor patio area. Discussion was had regarding the overall look of the sails and the recommendation of the traditional umbrellas was made, which some members felt would be a better fit for the Village since they have a lower profile. An awning was also discussed. Applicant stated he may place a temporary tent up since it is removal and not a permanent fixture, he has some options.

Motion made to deny the application for sails meeting criteria in Chapter 75-7B (2) and Chapter 75-7C (1, 2, 3, 4, & 5).

Moved: S. Sawyer; Second: R. Dawkins. Motion carried.

Received \$10 application fee in the Village Office.

**1-3 Broad St/Window & Door/Paul Calcagno**

P. Calcagno presented his application to replace the large window on the cottage with a full view glass door (36" x 80") and a sliding glass window (48" x 36"). Door and window construction to be wood and painted. All other areas to be brick filled when the large window is removed.

Discussion was had regarding what the building once looked like since this large window is not original, the full pane glass door which the applicant would like for safety concerns for the commercial business, and it was also suggested the window be lowered since the diagram appears to have the window too high. Applicant agreed to lower the window. Overall the door and the window will be placed in the opening of the existing large window without altering the rest of the building.

Motion made to approve the application to remove the large window and install a door and window in its place meeting criteria in Chapter 75-7B (4) and Chapter 75-7C (2).

Moved: K. Neilson; Second: S. Sawyer. Motion carried.

Received \$10 application fee in the Village Office.

**Old Business:** -

**Procedures:** -

Next meeting of the HPC - March 18, 2021

Motion made to adjourn at 7:48 pm.

Moved: R. Piwonka; Second: S. Sawyer. Motion carried.

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Jacqueline Bujanow, Secretary  
Historic Preservation Commission