

**Village of Kinderhook**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting - March 16, 2023**  
**In-Person Meeting - Village Hall**

**Present:** Tim Husband - Chair, Ken Neilson - Vice Chair, Randal Dawkins, Lisa Weilbacker - Alternate Member

**Absent:** Sean Sawyer, Elizabeth Martin

**Others Present:** Mark Browne - Village Liaison, Mary Ose, Renee Shur

**Workshops:** **12 Broad St/Steps/Mary Ose**

M. Ose discussed adding two wooden steps that would be attached to the existing ADA ramp, upper landing area by the south side entrance door, for easier access to the first floor back apartment. For security reasons, this would allow the tenant to access the apartment on the side of the building, closer to the street, as opposed to entering from the back of the building. Suggestions were made to use existing concrete slabs on the property and/or obtain stone cut to create the two-step height needed. M. Ose would prefer using wood to match existing ramp material. The Commission was in agreement with the concept, M. Ose to complete and submit application for April's meeting agenda.

**6 Chatham St/Van Buren Hall Interior Renovations/Renee Shur**

R. Shur presented concept drawings of the proposed interior renovations to Van Buren Hall. Although interior renovations are not in the HPC or NYS Parks and Recreation Historic Preservation purview, R. Shur wanted to share the drawings with the Commission. The Village was recently awarded \$2.25 million from the NY Forward Grant to be used for a number of Village projects. R. Shur would also like to invite someone from NYS Parks and Recreation Historic Preservation for their input on the possibility of obtaining grant funds, even if grant funding is limited to duplicating the original moldings only. It was noted that possibly private funding could be obtain for interior reservations. Discussion was had on different floor layout possibilities including the bathroom/kitchen area for Van Buren Hall. R. Shur requested any assistance/expertise the HPC could provide when a representative from the NYS Parks and Recreation Historic Preservation visits the site, it would be appreciated. T. Husband to speak to E. Martin regarding a contact person and will give information to R. Shur.

R. Shur also discussed the Bandstand as another proposed grant project and reiterated that any and all projects have a process to go through before a project is funded.

The NYS Historic Preservation Survey and National Register Unit now has a new point person for Columbia County, James Carter

T. Husband brought the Regular Meeting to order at 7:27 pm.

Motion made for L. Weilbacker to be seated as the Alternate Member at tonight's Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, March 16, 2023.

Motion: R. Dawkins; Second: K. Neilson. Motion carried.

**Minutes:**

Motion made to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2023.

Moved: K. Neilson; Second: R. Dawkins. Motion carried.

Note: No minutes for the scheduled February 16, 2023 meeting which was cancelled due to lack of business.

**Correspondence/  
Info Items:**

Albany Ave Projects - Mark Browne, Trustee

- Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Project

National Grid assisted the Village and nudged Spectrum and Consolidated to move their signal wires off the old poles and onto the new poles. Old poles were removed in preparation for construction along Albany Ave. Discussion of current pole structure and feasibility of power distribution alternatives for residents along Albany Ave. - Public Design Hearing expected in Spring of 2023.

- Water Main Upgrade Project

Preliminary and detailed designs have been requested to replace the 8" cast iron water main under the roadway and evaluate the use of new cellular radio frequency water meters, appropriate back flow prevention devices, and alternative methods of construction such as the use of high density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe.

Walking Tour of the Square and Beyond

- The Village's Geotourist tour, which may be accessed via phone or on a computer, will be launched to the public in the spring. In addition to Renee Shur, the dedicated team that worked on this project includes Kate Johnson, Ann Birckmayer, Wendy Spielmann, Stephen Lang, Siobhan Connelly, and the late Ruth Piwonka.

5 Church St - Garage

- An email requesting the decision the HPC made regarding the garage on the property was received.

The following minutes were provided:

October 27, 2022 minutes - application and discussion  
October 29, 2022 minutes - site visit including the follow-up meeting  
November 17, 2022 minutes - indicating the HPC had not heard back from the homeowners and the application had been withdrawn from the Planning Board/Zoning Board  
It was suggested that any additional thoughts or ideas that the homeowner would like to propose to the HPC regarding the garage that a Workshop is always available for discussion at the HPC's monthly meetings.

12 Broad St - Signage

- An Esthetics Spa is in the works with an opening date in June 2023 at 12 Broad St. Email was received requesting signage guidance. A tip sheet, link to the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness, and Code Enforcement Officer information was provided. A Workshop was also suggested for additional guidance if needed.

**Funds Remaining:** To be reported at the April 20, 2023 meeting.

**Old Business:** CLG Grant Update

E. Martin absent, update tabled to April's meeting.

E. Martin to follow-up with Mr. David Taylor after receiving an email from him expressing his interest as a consultant for the grant.

**15 Broad St/Front Stoop & Electrical Work/E. McCormick & K. Herman**

K. Neilson spoke with homeowner, awaiting application from homeowner for presentation before the HPC.

**30 Albany Ave/Front Door & Transom/Shanley & Osheen Harruthoonyan**

T. Husband noted that homeowner was expected to meet with Mayor this week, HPC awaiting door approval process to be restarted.

**New Business:** **Bandstand/Van Buren Hall/Albany Ave - Mark Browne, Village Liaison**

M. Browne mentioned the 3 public projects currently recommended as a result of the grant awarded to the Village and request the HPC have an advisory role with these projects. The Albany Ave project will have strict regulations working with the Department of Transportation (DOT), a proposal will be developed and when presented, the HPC in its advisory role, will be requested to review the proposal for the Commission's concurrence.

It was noted that any private projects within the Historic District as the result of the grant would still need to come before the HPC for approval. Specifics and process for private projects are still in discussion with all entities involved.

**17 Albany Ave/Fence/Sean Sawyer & Michael Susi**

Applicant was not able to be present at tonight’s meeting. Discussion was had on wire fencing in the Historic District. Applicant to install 4 ft high post & wire fence, replacing existing wooden fence on west lot line, erecting new section of fence along southern lot line (inside hedge), and erecting new section along west edge of driveway between house and garage. Materials: 4 x 4 pressure treated posts, flat top. 2” x 4” x 48” black welded wire stapled to posts including four single gates with hardware. 1” x 6” horizontal top & bottom board (no top board on rear fence).

Motion made to approve the fence at 17 Albany Ave as outlined in the application meeting criteria in Chapter 75-7C (3 & 4).

Motion: K. Neilson; Second: L. Weilbacker. Motion carried.

\$10 Application Fee - S. Sawyer to drop off check at Village Office

**Procedures:**

J. Bujanow to reach out to CEO regarding “Workshops” - notice to the HPC prior to their meeting would be helpful if resident plans to attend Workshop or is suggested they attend a Workshop when projects are discussed with CEO.

Next meeting of the HPC - April 20, 2023

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Motion: K. Neilson; Second: R. Dawson. Motion carried.



Jacqueline Bujanow, Secretary  
Historic Preservation Commission