

Village of Kinderhook
Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting on September 18, 2014

Present: R. Piwonka, Chairperson; R. Blackburn, K. Neilson,
R. Puckett, Trustee Liaison

Absent: T. Husband, R. Dawkins

Also Present: S. Peckner, A. Peckner, R. Shur, C. Chase, P. Sherman, S. Gilger,
B. Shannon, N. VanAlstyne

Workshop: Prior to the start of the meeting, Connie Chase requested a "Workshop" for installation of a fence at 7 Hudson Street. A drawing was presented indicating fence location at the rear of the building and along the sides of the property. Fencing consists of panels 6 ft H x 8 ft W, unfinished wood stockade, same fencing material previously approved by the HPC and used to enclose a dumpster on same property. A picture of a wooden arbor was also presented as a possibility to designate the opening/entrance in the fence to the rear of the property. A wooden gate on front side would resemble one of the panels. Fence post would be installed inside the fence with horizontal supports facing the inside of the property. It was recommended that Ms. Chase speak with G. Smith regarding the zoning between commercial property and residential, specifically the height of the fence. Ms. Chase will present an updated drawing, a side elevation as seen from the Post Office, and a letter of approval from Paul Calcagno, current owner of the property, when she completes the application process. During Ms. Chase's "Workshop" presentation, building owner and manager of the six apartments next door, S. Gilger, approached the table with concerns regarding the dumpster attracting animals, potential odors, noise, etc. He was requested to speak with G. Smith, Code Enforcement Officer, with his concerns since they were not related to the HPC. S. Gilger questioned the purpose of fencing the area and which Ms. Chase informed him would be for the use of guest gardens for dining when weather permits.

R. Piwonka brought the meeting to order at: 7:21 pm

Minutes: R. Blackburn made the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 17, 2014, seconded by K. Neilson, all in favor. (August meeting cancelled, no minutes.)

Funds Available: \$1,732.00 (August)
\$1,658.50 (September)

Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OTHER MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

Solar Guidelines

Solar guidelines were presented to the Village Board at their May 2014 meeting.

Changes recommended by the Village Board upon their review:

- Page 1, paragraph 4:
 - remove: "...and a whole new retrofitting plan may be necessary."
Sentence to read: "*In the future, it is likely that the standards and the technologies will change.*"

Changes recommended by R. Blackburn:

- Numbering "1:" needs to be removed since no other numbers follow within the document.
- Page 1, last bold heading:
 - add: "**old**" Heading to read: "**Freestanding or Detached On-Site, Historic Accessory structures, new & old construction**"

Upon further review of the document, it was recommended that the solar guidelines be tabled since there were a number of formatting adjustments which will need to be corrected as a result of editing from a previous document.

It was also suggested by Trustee R. Puckett that a public information session be conducted. Rather than a public information session, the HPC preferred the guidelines be posted to the Village website as part of the Design Guidelines of which they will be a part. The guidelines will be sent to C. Vandenburg, Deputy Clerk, to be posted to the website.

Certificate of Appropriateness & Preliminary Certificate of Approval/Historic Review Approval

R. Piwonka and J. Bujanow met with G. Smith to review the process of the Certificate of Appropriateness along with the current letter sent to the applicant. As a result of the meeting, a "Historic Review Approval" letter will be sent to the property owner followed by a fully executed Certificate of Appropriateness upon project completion. HPC members present were in agreement to the new process.

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Signage

Attached to these minutes is a copy of Kinderhook Village Zoning (see Exhibit 1), Chapter 130, Article V, Supplementary Regulations, 130-19 Sign Regulations. [Amended 5-26-1977 by L.L. No. 3-1977; 2-14-1996 by L.L. No. 1-1196; 10-9-2013 by L.L. No. 3-2013]

R. Blackburn expressed concern, clarification, and further explanation on B1, D1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 14, and 16/17 of the Sign Regulations (Exhibit 1). A copy of his questions and comments are attached (see Exhibit 2).

K. Neilson noted that in order to put a banner up, according to the current sign regulations, it has to be at 2nd story level or higher.

R. Piwonka questioned who reviews standards of maintenance?

Regarding sandwich board signs, can both sides be used when one side has the maximum allowable space?

It was suggested the Village Historian should be designated to review and recommend "content" of sign. Trademarks cannot be controlled.

R. Puckett recommended that all questions be directed to G. Smith, Code Enforcement Officer.

It was noted that the number of people in attendance for tonight's meeting attest to the need for review and clarification of the signage regulation.

R. Blackburn stated that the HPC, collectively, would work on a redraft of the law, talk with to the Village Board Trustees, and pass it on to the Planning Board for their review. This redraft would pertain to the Historic District and National Register landmarks outside of the Historic District.

Motion to adjourn: R. Blackburn, Seconded; R. Piwonka, all in favor.
8:16 pm

Jacqueline Bujanow
Secretary, Historic Preservation Commission