

Village of Kinderhook
Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting on October 16, 2014

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

Absent: T. Husband

Workshop: Workshop - 1 Chatham Street - Cancelled

R. Piwonka brought the meeting to order at: 7:09 pm

Minutes: K. Neilson made the motion to approve the regular meeting
minutes of September 18, 2014, seconded by R. Blackburn, all in
favor.

Funds Available: \$1,531.75

Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS

Signage

Sign regulations have been reviewed and comments passed along to the Planning Board. R. Piwonka encourages Village Trustees to make correction to D1..."Historic Review Commission" toHistoric Preservation Commission". Also, D9 and D10 require specific recommendations.

R. Blackburn has some additional comments that he would like clarification on from the Planning Board. R. Blackburn to give copy of comments to R. Puckett for submittal to the Planning Board.

K. Neilson noted the sign regulations state the "Code Enforcement Officer shall refer applicants to the Historic Preservation Commission" (if in the Historic District)..."for approval prior to the issuance of any permit, *if necessary*, in accordance with Village laws and regulations." The Village of Kinderhook Landmarks & Historic Districts Chapter 75-2 "Features" specifically refers to exterior signs. Therefore, all signs in the Historic District should go through the HPC. Discussion regarding the word above in italics "*if necessary*" should be removed for clarification.

K. Neilson recommended adding a column for the Historic District in the chart in the back of Chapter 130 "Zoning" that would indicate what is allowed and not allowed in the Historic District regarding signage.

Solar Panels

It was decided to remove "...and other energy related devices or technologies" from the title of the solar panel guidelines. New title to read "Guidelines for Solar Panels in the Village of Kinderhook Historic District". Last paragraph on page 1 which reads "In considering future technologies, ..." change to read "In considering future energy related devices or technologies, ...".

Suggestion was made to add date of adoption on bottom of page.

NEW BUSINESS

7 Hudson Street/Conny & Andrew Chase (Paul Calcagno, Property Owner)/Fence

Application

Conny Chase submitted an application, dated 10/5/2014, for a fence at 7 Hudson Street. A letter from Paul Calcagno, owner of the building, was also submitted indicating his agreement for the proposed changes to his property. A \$10 application fee was collected on 10/7/2014.

Review

Ms. Chase presented the HPC with plans to install a wood (spruce) pressure treated stockade fence, each panel 6 ft in height and 8 feet in width, same fencing material previously approved by the HPC and used to enclose a dumpster on same property. Fence post to be installed inside the fenced area with horizontal fence supports facing the inside of the property. Fence to be installed from the back left corner of the building to the back of the property, across back of property leaving a 5 foot opening for access, with return to the front of the property, including the full side of the building before the fence's final return to the building at which a gate will be installed using the same fencing material. Finished side of fence to be visible from the road.

Summary of Findings and Decision

K.Neilson made the motion to approve the application for a fence at 7 Hudson Street, meeting the following criteria under Chapter 75-7B(2), 75-7C(2), 75-7C(3), 75-7C(4); seconded by R. Dawkins, all in favor.

OTHER MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

Propane Tanks

Several Village residents have brought to the attention of R. Dawkins the unsightly propane tanks in the Historic District, visible from the street, and not enclosed. R. Dawkins has sent G. Smith, Code Enforcement Officer, an email and is awaiting a response.

It was also noted that there is a tank on Albany Ave, visible from the street, and in very close proximity to the house next door. Questions regarding size, distance from property line, enclosures, and code issues were discussed.

Decision was made to await G. Smith's response to R. Dawkins' email, review the code and add language, if need be, for clarification, and possibly write a letter to the Village Board.

Treasure Shop

A low wall was constructed out of cement with irregular stones placed on top at the Treasure Shop. Property owner stated G. Smith said it did not need HPC review since it was replacing an existing fence. (Previous fence was constructed with railroad ties.) Also noted, another low decorative wall exists on Hudson Street along the sidewalk. Both of these walls present safety concerns. R. Puckett to talk with G. Smith regarding code and safety issues.

Motion to adjourn: K. Neilson, Seconded; R. Dawkins, all in favor.
8:47 pm

Jacqueline Bujanow
Secretary, Historic Preservation Commission