



City of North Tonawanda

Historic Preservation Commission

City Hall
216 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Regular Meeting October 19, 2020
Location changed to virtual due to COVID-19 closure of City Hall

Minutes

Present: Joe Fonzi, April Gampp, Kristin Derby, Andrew Kletke
Excused: Erin Robinson, Jay Soemann

Meeting called to order 6:02.

New business visited first to accommodate applicants present

New business

110 Sweeney Street – Alteration to new build design

A more traditional residential style was adopted featuring gable roof lines. This adjusted the balconies slightly in dimension, the same colors and materials as presented and approved previously will be used. This change was made due to cost of lumber and the rubber roofing needed for the previous design.

Andy asked about the previous presentation where mechanicals were discussed as being on the flat roof and where this design will now house them. (There is a flat spot on the western side of the roof where the mechanicals will be, this is the side facing the alleyway.)

Joe asked if the mechanicals will be visible from any right of way. (No.)

April asked what the roofing material is. (Asphalt, black charcoal gray as in rendering.)

Motion to approve the new design as presented with a gable roofline at 110 Sweeney Street as presented

1st Andy Kletke 2nd April Gampp

All in favor

 4 Aye 0 Nay

New signage at 87 Webster St.

No application was received but signage was noted by several Commission members and residents. After discussion, the store signage did not need an application as the physical backlit signage frame was not altered. The signage in the windows violates the D2 code transparency. One window sign per façade, signage may only use 20% of the window area in which the sign is placed. Kristin will contact Code Enforcement and the City Attorney to contact owner.

Goundry Street Post Office

Work is being done on windows, SHPO was not notified. After discussion, the Commission confirmed this is not within the boundaries of the Local District. This work should have gone through Federal review as it is listed on the National Register. Members will talk to the Post Office to clarify what work is ongoing, e.g. abatement or replacement of original windows.

Old business

September minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the regular September meeting

1st Joe Fonzi 2nd April Gampp

All in favor

4 Aye 0 Nay

Sweeney Estate District

Historic Tax Credit Workshop webinars are occurring on a monthly basis from Preservation Buffalo Niagara. These are part 2 workshops explaining the application process. Part 1 is uploaded to YouTube featuring an overview of the program and what types of projects are eligible. October Webinar was poorly attended, Kristin will contact residents who signed up previously about November's workshop.

NTHPC Attendance

Linda Hayes submitted resignation. James Partsch has written to the NTHPC in interest of joining. Kristin will forward this recommendation to the Mayor.

All agenda items covered

Motion to close the meeting

1st Kristin Derby 2nd Andy Kletke

All in favor

4 Aye 0 Nay

Next meeting will be virtual due to weather changes.