



City of North Tonawanda

Historic Preservation Commission

City Hall
216 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Regular Meeting June 17, 2019

Minutes

Present: Joe Fonzi, Erin Robinson, Rae Proefrock, Jay Soemann, Kristin Derby, April Gampp, Linda Hayes

Absent: Amber Holycross

Meeting called to order 6:00 pm.

Motion to accept May Minutes

1st Rae Proefrock 2nd Linda Hayes

6 Yes 0 No

New business

74 Webster Street – Millennium Microsystems

Graphic Roads representing Mike Roberts in sign application. The business has a limited budget so the current sign will be removed and a new sign will be installed in the existing footprint. It is MBO board, identical to what is currently hanging, painted white with blue vinyl lettering applied, and screwed into existing fascia. Joe noted that this is not different from other parts of the district.

Motion to approve

1st Rae Proefrock 2nd Erin Robinson

6 Yes 0 No

Review and discussion for 106 Webster – Kevin Hughes

It is Mr. Hughes' intention to restore the three windows in the façade on the second floor. They will be back to the original size using the same type of windows that are above Webster's Bistro next door. The ceiling inside has been restored to 10' so the windows can be expanded. There is a tenant on one side of the building but all work will be done at one time. Joe requested the cut for windows and materials specified and an application to be filled out from the building inspector's office. Once these items are received the HPC can approve over e-mail.

110 Sweeney Street – Informal review of façade design

April asked for the updates since the last time Lou was before the HPC. He has since taken on an investor so that the full project will go ahead. There is a restaurant/bar with patio and approximately 17-19 apartments (utilizing spiral staircases for more space) adjacent to the

restaurant area. The retail/commercial space is the first floor and apartments are the second. The financials have been submitted to the bank and if all goes well the loan will be finalized in August-October 2019. Originally the restaurant was bigger but for cost purposes it has been reduced in size. Lou expressed how much he does not want the lot to look it's current state and has been trying to keep the project alive. April asked what's the next step. The plans have been submitted to the building inspector for review.

Rae asked if the stone veneer was a personal or architect's decision as it will be similar to the building across the street (Dockside). It is a personal decision so Rae also explained the different quality of slate available and recommended the 'natural' quality. Lou asked about personal patios for the apartments and if that would be in violation of any codes. HPC confirmed this would be fine in the historic district. HPC noted that it would blend nicely if the patios were stepped back. Rae asked about the window materials. Erin asked about the colors being used. Joe also asked for a cut sheet with these items identified – all materials with the full drawings – so that the HPC can approve.

Old business

April received a phone call from Hillary at the clerk's office in regards to updating the website. She will follow up on this.

KTA is drafting the report to submit to SHPO. Another community meeting including the residents of the new boundary will be needed in approximately September.

Motion to close meeting: 7:15 PM
1st April Gampp 2nd Linda Hayes