



City of North Tonawanda

Historic Preservation Commission

City Hall
216 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Regular Meeting February 20, 2024
Held on Tuesday due to observation of Presidents Day Holiday

Minutes

Present: Kristin Derby, April Gampp, Erin Robinson
Excused: Joe Fonzi, Dennis Garland, Jay Soemann

Meeting called to order 6:00pm.

New Business

COA 62 Webster Street – Storefront window and door replacement (in-kind material)
Storefront windows to be replaced, currently drafty. Same measurements and materials will be used. The left side window panels will be changed to be symmetrical to existing right configuration. This request will also go through SHPO as it is individually listed on the National Register. No concerns from present HPC members.

No quorum, vote will be conducted through email with HPC members (Approved 2/23/24)

COA 82 Main Street – Elevator shaft addition in vestibule entry
Main Street façade currently has a basement below that allows for a new hoist way for access to studio/apartment space. The owner would like to eventually build out the basement. This is the only solution for accessibility as there is no space for a ramp or other real estate. The build out area will have the same brick veneer/colors while the second door on the right will remain for egress. Both doors currently go into a “faux” vestibule to direct to public space/rented space. The door that remains goes to the interior door at the top of the stairs in this area. No concerns from present HPC members.

No quorum, vote will be conducted through email with HPC members (Approved 2/23/24)

COA 153 Sweeney Street – In-kind door replacements (2), request to remove garden, add additional sign on Sweeney St. facade
Delivery door at the top of the ramp will be replaced in-kind, the kitchen door will be replaced in-kind. The applicant would like to remove the existing landscaping, extend existing half wall, and on building extend stone veneer where the landscaping obscures the existing shingle style siding, and add additional signage on Sweeney St. façade. All HPC members are concerned with the removal of the landscaping and addition of signage – this is not to code and does not reflect

the historic district on a prominent entry point. There is already signage identifying the building. In-kind replacement of delivery and kitchen doors are compatible requests and do not have any issues. The HPC members requested an alternative to the proposed landscaping and signage requests – this is a façade improvement grant and other creative approaches to landscaping or façade improvement are encouraged.

No quorum, vote will be conducted through email with HPC members (Approved 2/23/24)

Old Business

Open Discussion

HPC to draft materials/most commonly used “cheat sheet” for homeowners/business owners in local designated areas.

Meeting close 6:54pm