



City of North Tonawanda

Historic Preservation Commission

City Hall
216 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Regular Meeting September 16, 2024, 6:00PM

Minutes

Present: Kristin Derby, Erin Robinson, Joe Fonzi, Scott Kuebler, Dennis Garland, Jay Soemann
Excused: April Gampp
Guest: Mayor Austin Tylec

Meeting called to order 6:05pm.

Regular Business

None

New Business

None

Open Discussion

Building Inspector was anticipated to attend, did not make meeting after zoning.

Several addresses of concern continue to do unpermitted work or are still in violation of historic code: Webster's Bistro created a new addition with windows, Canalside Liquors has not returned to discuss the paint materials/did not respond to violation letter, Riviera Theatre sign changed (This is a National Register individually listed building).

There are real implications of violations for future budgets as there are certain designations, documentation and enforcement required for grants. There is the potential for lawsuits, loss of investments. Fees should be collected.

HPC will create a living document of current issues within the district for internal use with the City.

An individual doing work on a building (Wagenshulz, 230 Oliver St.) came in with appropriate COA/material sample of hardie board for siding change. This building is not in the historic district or individually landmarked. The Building Inspector's office was notified the same day a COA for the site came through that historic regulations and design review did not apply. Applicant took on a \$27,000 increase in project due to the material change, sold vinyl at \$3,000

loss in order to be compliant. Incorrect information was provided, the HPC clarified and apologized on behalf of the City.

Software will be updated in the Building Inspector's office this year that will allow addresses to be flagged if in Downtown District/Sweeney Estate/individually landmarked.

Meeting close 7:07pm.