



City of North Tonawanda

Historic Preservation Commission

City Hall
216 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Regular Meeting November 18, 2024, 6:00PM

Minutes

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

Meeting called to order 5:59 pm.

Regular Business

Motion to accept October minutes

1st Kristin Derby 2nd Joe Fonzi

All in favor

 7 Aye 0 Nay

New Business

COA 128 Main Street

Amended application submitted at meeting with siding type called out and identified on diagram. Proposed replacement of siding with cementitious plank style and aluminum windows. The rear will have a deck added which will cap off the basement walk in doors. No significant changes to historic fabric/façade, compliant materials presented.

Motion to accept amended application as submitted

1st Joe Fonzi 2nd Jay Soemann

All in favor

 7 Aye 0 Nay

HPC Terms

Jay Soemann's term will be ending in December based on his resignation submitted. Joe Fonzi has notified Mayor/HPC he will not be seeking a reappointment when his term ends in December. Erin Robinson's term is ending in December, she will be seeking a reappointment. There will be 2 open seats on the HPC in January, one of which should be a representative from the Downtown Merchants. All HPC members are required to be residents of North Tonawanda.

NPS Grant

City is interested in pursuing this grant for Memorial Pool adaptive reuse initial steps. Kristin to check in with Mayor's office this week on next steps/action items for HPC.

Open Discussion

WNY HPC Roundtable 11/14 – discussed similar issues other HPC’s are experiencing with awareness and enforcement. Another is scheduled for the Spring.

Bennett District next steps should be pursued with CLG 2025 grant.

Dwyers window façade should receive a warning letter. Project has stagnated, all previous permits/approvals have expired.

HPC needs update on Lowry School violation letter/fine that was sent out by City. No progress has been noted/no COAs received.

Motion to close

1st Jay Soemann 2nd Kristin Derby

All in favor

__7__ Aye __0__ Nay

Meeting close 6:48 pm.