



# City of North Tonawanda

## Historic Preservation Commission

City Hall  
216 Payne Ave.  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Regular Meeting September 16, 2019

### Minutes

Present: Joe Fonzi, Jay Soemann, Linda Hayes, Kristin Derby, Andrew Kletke  
Guests: Joe Midura, Rae Proefrock  
Absent: April Gampp Erin Robinson  
Meeting called to order 6:00pm.

Motion to accept minutes from August meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Kletke    2<sup>nd</sup> Jay Soemann

All in favor

  5   Aye      0   Nay

### Old business

110 Webster Street – waiting on amended application. Colors and materials received but the HPC still needs dimensions for addition. HPC briefly discussed that urethane clapboard shingles are preferable style.

Sweeney Estate District – CRIS receipt was received which shows proof of work against KTA's invoice. HPC is waiting for the state to review all the complete application, most likely will be reviewed at their December date.

### New business

Goundry Street Hitching Post – Joe Midura, NT City Historian, presented that this is the last remaining hitching post on city property. There have been others but they have either been damaged or disappeared over the years. For example, there were posts in front of Grant School. Joe M. suggested to the Mayor that it be removed and put in a museum location. Rae commented that most people will not see it if it is moved. Jay suggested moving to inside City Hall. Joe Fonzi suggested to stabilize in place for historical accuracy, Kristin agreed. If this is done local landmarking should be pursued. Erin commented in support of landmarking in a prior e-mail (excused absence at this meeting). Kristin will write a letter outlining the HPC's position to remove for storage for winter and establishing where it will return in the Spring.

Oliver/Summer Street Railroad Marker – this was not on the agenda but was raised as another city object to monitor by Joe M. This is one of the last remaining mile markers. There are others on private property.

59/65 Main Street – Renee Proefrock reached out regarding this site and vinyl siding being applied. A HPC application was not filed and work has begun. Contacts were unavailable before this meeting. The HPC will write a letter to the building inspector’s office allowing the current application on the steeple of the church but no lower than the chimney. Jay noted that the color matching was seamless and done well, although it is not the position of the HPC to condone this material usage, it is in progress and allows for better maintenance/preservation of the structure at that height. The HPC also noted that the church’s digital signage is not appropriate within the district.

73 Main Street – Sign application from Shannon Enterprises. Applicant was not present but the sizing and materials are not changing, only the company’s logo.

Motion to accept application

1<sup>st</sup> Joe Fonzi 2<sup>nd</sup> Jay Soemann  
All in favor  
 5  Aye  0  Nay

61 Keil Street – Application for garage addition. This was previously applied for and there have been no major changes to the plans. The majority of this project is not visible from the right of way.

Motion to accept application

1<sup>st</sup> Kristin Derby 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Kletke  
All in favor  
 5  Aye  0  Nay

Open Discussion

Kristin brought up a message received on the HPC facebook page from a resident concerned with the upkeep of the locally landmarked Power Transfer Station (Robinson/Division Street). The resident said he had spoken with the mayor about this issue. Kristin will write a letter to the Mayor’s office asking the office to contact National Grid about maintenance. The complaint was specifically about the weeds on the site.

Call to close 6:46pm