City of North Tonawanda

Historic Preservation Commission

City Hall
216 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Regular Meeting – October 15, 2013, 6:00 PM

Minutes

Present: Rae Proefrock, Joe Fonzi, Jay Soemann, Pete Trinkwalter, Dennis Pasiak, Linda Hayes
Excused: April Gamp,

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:03 PM

Old Business

Wurlitzer Building

It was the unanimous consensus of the Commission members to proceed with the listing of the building as a local landmark, despite the recent changes on the building. We should begin with a meeting with Tom Austen, the building owner.

Transfer Station

It was also the unanimous consensus of the Commission to proceed with the listing of the Transfer building as a local landmark. The notice for a public hearing should coincide with the public hearing for the Wurlitzer building at the December 16th regular meeting of the Commission.

Lumber Baron Historic District

Kiersten Minick, a graduate student in the UB Architecture and Planning Department has been working on the listing of the Lumber Baron Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places. She hopes to complete the application by the end of December. Homes and streets included have not been finalized as she must discern which fit into the story of the lumber industry and its influence on North Tonawanda. Generally, the district boundaries are Payne Ave, Tremont, the divided highway and Thompson St. She is looking at the block of Goundry west of Payne Ave. also. The tome period in consideration is 1880's – 1930s or 1940s. We will need to schedule another public meeting before the application can be filed.

Reminder- new commissioners are to submit resume and letter of interest

New Business

Review Certificate of Appropriateness Applications for:

72 Webster St.- awning/sign for Risa's Deli and Restaurant

Consensus to table until the owners submit a photograph with the proposed sign superimposed on the existing building. We will then act by e-mail to facilitate the work for the owners.

18 Webster St – Blissfully Sweet Bake Shop, LLC

Motion by __Joe Fonzi_____, 2nd by__Jay Soemann_____:

To approve the awning design as submitted

Ayes__6____, Nayes___0__

88 Webster St.- Martinsville Soapworks

Motion by Peter Trinkwalder___, 2nd byDennis Pasiak

To approve the sign design as submitted

Ayes__4____, Nayes_0____ Abstain: Jay Soemann, Joe Fonzi

Webster St. Walkway to Manhattan Parking Lot- Chamber of Commerce

Motion by __Jay Soemann_____, 2nd by___Peter Trinkwalder____:

To approve the installation of a metal archway sign to the Manhattan St. Parking Lot at Project Pride Way

Ayes___6___, Nayes__0___

Discussion about new addition to Webster's Bistro

Kevin Hughes, owner of Webster St. Bistro, attended to respond to question of the Comission about the design of the patio roof addition to the building. Kevin will submit photos of the roof once the painting is completed.

Change in location to deliver applications

To facilitate the process in the Building Inspector's office, in order to know when to approve a building permit application, all applications to the Historic Preservation Commission will now go to this office, and the secretary will copy the City Clerk's Office.

Addition to the applications:

A requirement for a photo of the current building will be added to the instruction.

Next Meeting- November 18, 2013 at 6:00 PM