



City of North Tonawanda

Historic Preservation Commission

City Hall
216 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Regular Meeting – September 15, 2014, 6:00 PM

Minutes

Present: Rae Proefrock, Jay Soemann, April Gampp, Joe Fonzi, Peter Trinkwalder, Linda Hayes
Absent: Dennis Pasiak

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:00 PM

Review of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from August meeting

Motion by Jay Soemann, 2nd by Joe Fonzi

Ayes 6, Nays 0

New Business

4 new applications to approve

1) 153 Sweeney Street, Dockside Restaurant

Mike Berger from Sutton Architecture and building owner Jay Shepard presented plans for a proposed 2 story addition over the current outdoor patio.

The mentioned there would be no disturbance to the current building (including original floors), but they would be removing the current patio (with the exception of the ramp) to accommodate the expansion.

There would be a small covered porch on the 1st floor, as well as a 5ft walk out balcony on the 2nd level, with glass windows/accordion doors overlooking the canal. The finish on the exterior would be stucco, painted tan with black trim. The second floor addition would be used as additional seating, and to accommodate banquets.

Owner was advised that his plan was approved, but any changes in design/materials would require owner to inform committee prior to work being done. Building signage will also need to be approved prior to installation.

Motion to approve by Joe Fonzi, 2nd by Pete Trinkwalder

Ayes 6, Nays 0

2) 44/46 Webster Street – Tully's/American Skin Art

Owner stated that the window section along Manhattan Street was recently broken. He put up a wall instead of replacing the window due to concerns over it being broken again. Committee suggested that the owner carry the slate tile currently on the front of the building around the corner, and add flat panels (smooth wallboard) with mullions to give the look of a window. Committee stated that work could not be approved until a drawing was provided.

Committee also suggested that he contact LCDC to see if there is funding available to replace signage in the spring.

3) Ascension Church

Church was recently purchased. Owner was present and stated there were no plans for any changes on the exterior, except the trim will be painted white. Current garage needs work, however that is not a concern of this committee.

Committee stated any signage would need to be approved before installation, and owner could apply to state/local designation for future tax credits if desired. Owner could also apply for grants for façade/signage improvements for his Fish Place property on Oliver Street.

4) 54 Webster Street – NT History Museum

No one present. Application indicated that a small sign would be installed up high on the face of the building. Committee felt the sign was not appropriate, does not fit the character of the building and not to scale with other parts of the building. Motion to table the application until a representative was present and could address our concerns. 1st Joe Fonzi, 2nd Pete Trinkwalder

Old Business

34-38 Webster Street

Committee not happy with look of building repairs. Work is still ongoing but may need to be re-addressed.

Review of Signage Standards for the historic district on hold until next meeting.

Lumber Baron District- no report. Rae will follow up with Kiersten Minnick before October meeting

City website should be updated to reflect new members of the Historic Preservation Committee, and should also have the Certificate of Appropriateness form/application posted. Rae to look into this further.

Rae provided a copy of the letter from National Parks approving the work that was performed at the Carousel Museum for our reference.

Addition of buildings to be named with historic designation – Sweeney Cemetery was mentioned, further discussions to occur at next meeting.

Motion to adjourn – 7:55 pm

1st by Joe Fonzi, 2nd by April Gampp

Ayes 6 , Nays 0

Next meeting: October 20th 6:00pm