



# City of North Tonawanda

## Historic Preservation Commission

City Hall  
216 Payne Ave.  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Regular Meeting March 18, 2024, 6:00PM

### Minutes

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

Meeting called to order 6:00pm.

#### Regular Business

Motion to accept March minutes

1<sup>st</sup> Kristin Derby      2<sup>nd</sup> Jay Soemann

All in favor

  6   Aye        0   Nay

#### New Business

COA 85-87 Webster Street – Previous approval for material selection only. COA presented at this meeting is for the installation of ¾” plywood, Blueskin weather barrier, and thinset masonry only on the face of the building seen from the street. Due to the additional width, the camelback coping will be removed. Additional photographs show the rubber membrane over the parapet area and that the section is properly vented. (This was a concern at the prior discussion of this project.) There will be a drip edge with flashing instead of the current coping. COA drawings are stamped by Bammel Architects, any additional warranties on material will be provided by contractors.

Motion to approve COA as submitted

1<sup>st</sup> Kristin Derby      2<sup>nd</sup> Jay Soemann

All in favor

  6   Aye        0   Nay

#### 110 Sweeney Street Discussion

Mike Berger, Sutton Architecture to discuss in-field siding changes at 110 Sweeney Street new construction. Mr. Berger explained that he personally used “Hardie Board” as a blanket term for composite material or equal. HPC identified language about cementitious siding per the City Code and that this material is prohibited. The Building permit issued identified hardie board as did final drawings submitted. The project has been in progress since 2016, cost savings allowed project to move forward. This is a vinyl composite product with additional backing. The HPC

discussed considering a conditional approval after receiving project cost figures. Siding would be permitted to remain in place until aesthetic or functional disrepair. If siding is changed, new siding must be to written code, this is not a grandfathered material. Sutton Architects will provide financial figures for HPC to review and determine a ruling.

#### 44 Webster Street – Discussion

Owner came with a COA but after hearing other material types permitted in the Downtown District wants to source additional pricing for siding materials. Jay Soemann to provide archival photographs to assist with design ideas.

#### Old Business

#### Open Discussion

Discussion of bylaws and to draft a motion to the City Council to strike the filing with the County Clerk line for landmarks/districts. County Clerk has confirmed they do not have this process/no records can be found.

Best of awards for businesses suggested. “Best new construction, sign, etc.” to promote the HPC/better relationships with owners and businesses.

Meeting close 7:15pm.