

**Village of Williamsville
Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Kate Waterman-Kulpa, Chairman
Wes Stone, Vice-Chairman
Mary Lowther, Member
Dr. Stephen Dyson, Member
Susan Palmer, Member (arrived at 7:30pm)
Chuck Akers, Member

Also present: Charles Grieco, Village Attorney
Deborah A. Habes, Deputy Clerk
Matthew Etu, Village Trustee

Excused: Anthony Bannon, Member
Al Yates, Trustee Liaison

Ms. Waterman-Kulpa opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ON MOTION by Ms. Lowther, seconded by Mr. Akers, it was moved to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2018 meeting, as submitted.

Motion carried. 5 – 0. (Ms. Palmer had not arrived yet.)

A. Certificate of Appropriateness Application

Sweet Jenny's, 56 E. Spring St.

Sign Application

Property owners Howard and Tara Cadmus were present. They distributed copies of their C of A application to the members.

This is an application for a signboard to be erected on the sloped roof over the front “loading platform” customer entrance to the building. This carved HDU sign will measure a total of 18’ wide x 30” high. The background will be white and the lettering will be color-matched to the red paint on the Mill itself. The sign will read: “Sweet Jenny’s” in “soul of vodka” font. It will be stabilized with 2 aluminum brackets anchored into the roof with appropriate lag bolts. No specific lighting of the sign is being considered at this time.

There followed discussion regarding the width of the HDU sign. The board members would find it acceptable if the owners increased the sign’s thickness from the proposed 1.5” since it would be a studier sign panel. The board acknowledged that increased thickness would likely increase the cost of the sign. They would also like to see the sign’s raw edges wrapped with a white aluminum edge or painted to match the white of the sign. The board members suggested that the bottom of the sign panel be raised up off the roof surface to prevent damage from snow load, etc. They also would like to see the metal brackets painted black to better blend in with the roof.

ON MOTION by Ms. Waterman-Kulpa, seconded by Mr. Stone, it was moved to approve the sign as submitted and reviewed 5/22/18 and to approve the application for a **Certificate of Appropriateness with the following conditions:**

- 1. The applicants are allowed to increase the thickness of the HDU.*
- 2. All brackets shall be painted black.*
- 3. The sides of the sign panel shall be painted white or cased in white aluminum.*
- 4. The bottom of the sign shall not be flush with the roof, but shall be raised up to allow for snow load and drainage.*

Motion carried. 5 – 0.

B. Certificate of Appropriateness Application

WNY Railway Historical Society - Lehigh Valley Train Depot, 85 S. Long St.
Sign Application

WNYRHS member Tom Stackhouse was present.

Mr. Stackhouse stated the Society members wish to erect a replica of an original metal Railway Express sign that hung on the depot many years ago. The sign panel would be of vinyl, with a red background, a green band with light color lettering to measure 7'-6" wide x 12" high. A vinyl sign would be more practical than the original porcelain on metal which would deteriorate faster. The sign will read: *Railway Express*.

There was discussion on the material. Ms. Waterman-Kulpa suggested a vinyl wrapped aluminum signboard to look like the original with a matte finish and rounded edges. It was also suggested that they use concealed hardware to attach the sign to the building.

ON MOTION by Ms. Waterman-Kulpa, seconded by Mr. Akers, it was moved to approve the application for a **Certificate of Appropriateness** for the replica sign, as submitted and reviewed 5/22/18, ***with the following conditions:***

- 1. The new sign shall have rounded edges.*
- 2. Hardware shall be concealed.*
- 3. Sign shall be made of aluminum in same thickness as the original with a vinyl graphic wrapping over the aluminum.*
- 4. Sides shall be painted or wrapped to match original signage.*

Motion carried. 6 – 0. (Ms. Palmer was present)

C. Certificate of Appropriateness Application

WNY Railway Historical Society - Lehigh Valley Train Depot, 85 S. Long St.
Roof Vent Cover

Mr. Stackhouse stated the purpose of the vent cover is to hide a metal roof vent on the roof of the Depot. The roof vent cover will resemble a wooden "bird house" motif and be similar to one that is located on the almost identical Section House in Genesee Village in Mumfordsburg. The vent pipe

cover would measure 40” high and be 11” square. It will be painted dark green with red trim to match the Depot colors.

ON MOTION by Ms. Lowther, seconded by Dr. Dyson, it was moved to approve the application for **Certificate of Appropriateness** for the “bird house” motif roof vent cover, as submitted and reviewed on 5/22/18., *with the following conditions:*

- 1. The colors shall match the building’s colors.*
- 2. It shall be flashed with copper.*
- 3. It will be located on the western facing roof of the Depot.*
- 4. The vent cover shingles shall match the Depot’s shingles.*

Motion carried. 6 – 0.

D. Lehigh Valley Section House – Status

Village received the structural report from Flynn Battaglia. Trustee Etu asked the members for their opinions regarding keeping it, costs involved, etc.

Trustee Etu suggested that he believed that the Village Board would be willing to take on this project, and negotiate with the property owner, Natale Development, for rehabilitation of the structure, since the report concluded that in large part, the structure’s poor exterior condition was largely due to the property owner’s neglect. There are various grant avenues that can be pursued with regard to any remaining costs by the Village. It is not a stabilization issue. It is mechanically and architecturally deficient. The report estimated a cost of \$150,000 to restore it. The boiler needs to be replaced.

E. Meeting House Window Restoration Project

The stained glass windows were being re-installed today. The reddish-brown paint color chosen by the members has been used as trim color.

ON MOTION by Mr. Akers, seconded by Ms. Waterman-Kulpa, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Motion carried. 6 – 0.

Next HPC meeting will be held on June 26, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

Deborah A. Habes,
Deputy Clerk