



# Owego Historic Preservation Commission

Public Meeting Agenda  
21 Elm Street Owego, NY

Thursday April 6, 2023, 7:00 PM

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- Call to Order: 7:02pm  
Attending: Jim Overhiser (chair), Tim Deis, Phoebe Morris, (new members) Ira Rosenheck, Jeffery Smith
- Induction of new members (Ira Rosenheck & Jeffery Smith) Ira was sworn in this afternoon, Jeff still needs to be sworn in.
- Public Comments  
Attending Public: Marjorie Heeman, Sharon A Wild
- Approve Minutes from March 2, 2023
  - 1st: Deis 2nd: Morris - Unanimously approved

## Review of COA Applications:

- #20230406-1 402 Main St. front porch repairs; owners Edward and Marjorie Heeman Pillars to be repaired/replaced as needed. Replace rotten flooring, stairs and supports. Add concrete piers which will be hidden by the new porch skirting. Add pressure-treated wood railings and balusters to the stairs. Repair/replace porch posts as needed. Replace skirting with new lattice panels and frame made of pressure-treated wood. Replace rotted porch flooring with composite wood decking.
  - Finding of Facts: 1st: Deis 2nd: Rosenheck Unanimously approved
  - Certificate of Appropriateness: 1st: Overhiser 2nd: Deis Unanimously approved
- #20230406-2 310 Main St Garage demo; owner Maria Howard  
General discussion of garage demo. If the building is demolished it can not be rebuilt on the existing footprint due the size of the building on the lot and how close it is to neighboring properties. Would need to know the cost to repair piers and straighten the garage compared to demolishing it to prove economic hardship. Any new garage built would be subject to current village code and the lot may not have space for it.
  - Delayed vote for further information

- #20230406-3 44 Lake St window sign; (Business) Mystic Moon; owner, Chris Knickerbocker  
New sign for Mystic Moon, shop owner Kelly Hathaway; contractor - A Wild Sign Co. New sign will be Etched Glass vinyl graphics applied to the exterior of front glass windows. Graphic Moon logo and logo text on 3 middle windows. Graphics applied to 4 of the 5 windows, with text nearest the entry door. Each window pane is 44" w x 72" h. The sign will not have exterior illumination.
  - Finding of Facts: 1st: Deis 2nd: Rosenheck Unanimously approved
  - Certificate of Appropriateness: 1st: Dies 2nd: Rosenheck Unanimously approved
- #20230406-4 - no update on possible murals - delayed vote for further information
- Informal discussion of any past approved COA project progress and potential upcoming COA reviews
- New Business
  - CLG grant for a new historic district survey. Deadline is May 1st.
  - Sign guidelines update? (pg 15-16) RE: Murals and possible new language. Possible new mural facing the bridge on Fuddy Duddy's building, repair of wall on North Ave side of Owego Antique building will require a new mural. Overhiser presented some mural guidelines for discussion.
  - 330 Main St ramp installation (owner: Dunham) no COA needed for temporary handicapped ramp.
- Old Business
  - Tioga Trails discussion. Overhiser said the building has been sold.
  - Planning update on *Meet the Realtors* event. Deis said the date is Wednesday, May 17th.
  - Update on *Pillars of Preservation* work interviews. Morris said she has interviewed Lovelass and is writing the article.
  - Update on website instructional video. Need to work with the website owner to post.
- Commissioner reports
- Chair report
  - NYStatewide Preservation Conference, April 13-15, 2023, Auburn, NY
  - CLG report was submitted
- Public Comments  
None
- Adjourn 8:54

**Next OHPC meeting on Thursday May 4, 2023 at 7 PM**

Respectfully submitted by Phoebe Morris