



Owego Historic Preservation Commission

Public Meeting Agenda

21 Elm Street Owego, NY

Thursday September 1, 2022, 7:00 PM (Revised 8/02/2022)

- Call to Order/Attendance 7:02pm
Attending: Jim Overhiser chair, Nadine Bigsby, Phoebe Morris, Tim Dies, (Brian Kennedy absent)
ex officio: Ira Rosenheck
- Public Comments (none)
- Approve Minutes from June 2, 2022 (Comm. Present at this meeting: PM, JO,TD)
1st Morris, 2nd Dies - approved
- Review of COA Applications:
 - #202291-2 Sign, 212 Front St. (owner Mark Dixon, tenant Rhonda Pasto, Pasto Law office)
Finding of Facts: 1st Dies, 2nd Bigsby - approved
Installation of 2 exterior Signs by A Wild Sign Co.. One sign hanging from the lintel and one attached to the wall. Hanging sign will be a hand-carved, circular sign on a wrought iron bracket with no exterior lighting. Wall sign will be no bigger than 18 inches x 24 inches high. Both signs are made of HDU foam.
Certificate of Appropriateness: 1st Overhiser, 2nd Dies - approved
 - Window Replacement #202291-1 (owner, Patricia Smith)
Replace 16 broken windows with vinyl windows. Advised vinyl windows are not appropriate. Discussed other types of replacement windows we can approve.
Discussed historic tax credits.
Finding of Facts: 1st Overhiser, 2nd Dies - delayed
 - (continued review) # 202284-3 Fence replacement, 3 Front St. (owner Robin Quinn)
Finding of Facts: 1st Bigsby, 2nd Dies - approved
Fencing replacement/repair for 3 Front St, Village of Owego property owner Robin Quinn. Remove existing arched lattice over sidewalk and fencing around border of property. Replace arched lattice over sidewalk with pressure-treated wood clad in white vinyl or painted wood and add 16' x 8' pergola on the north side (rear) of the property as per documents submitted.
Certificate of Appropriateness: 1st Bigsby, 2nd Dies - approved

- (Revised action from SHPO) # 202284-1 External improvements and repairs to the building, 43-45 Lake St (owners Jim and Cornelia Mead, Owego Early Antiques)

Finding of Fact: 1st Overhiser, 2nd Dies

Revision of Paragraph 2: Lake Street side: Replace existing utility room doors with new hollow-metal doors. Replace/repair aluminum storefront framing at the main entrance. Replace exterior plaster soffits with Exterior Insulation Finish System (EIFS) material. Soffit light fixtures replaced with new fixtures that match existing size and style. Clean and re-secure decorative aluminum wall panels. ~~According to SHPO letter 06/09/2022, replace neon light with new neon light tubes.~~ **According to SHPO letter 08/22/2022 by Sarah McIvor, replace neon in existing light with LED tube lighting.**

Addendum: 1st Overhiser, 2nd Dies - approved

- #202291-2 Front porch remodel, 344 Main St. (owner Ira and Margaret Rosenheck)

Finding of Facts: 1st Overhiser, 2nd Bigsby - approved

Front porch remodel by Jared Martin Building and Remodeling. Porch dimensions, 84 inch wide x 62 inch long x 16 inch high. Will install treated lumber nailing strips over brick porch, stairs and risers using glue and concrete screws. Stain all areas black or similar deck color in order to hide brick, framing and other features. Install vinyl trex composite flooring and trim around posts, vertical areas and risers.

Certificate of Appropriateness: 1st Dies, 2nd Overhiser - approved

- Action on 247 Main St. (Tioga County owner) Review of Local law RE: demolition of historic homes

Overhiser spoke with Village attorney re plans for demolition of abandoned house. Waiting to hear from the County government as to the disposition of property. As far as we know, it has not been sent to the land bank.

- Informal discussion of any past approved COA project progress and potential upcoming COA reviews

30 Ross St is adding a porch, may need a building permit.

344 Main St is discussing adding an addition to the back of the house for a new bedroom & bathroom.

- New Business

none

- Old Business

- Update on American Legion Electronic billboard application for COA and our denial.

Overhiser had a phone call with Steve Devarney about the sign. Advised as the Legion has retained a lawyer we now have to work through the lawyers and should not have casual discussions with Legion members. Bigsby reminded the board that the sign application was made over a year ago and appeals to OHPC decisions need to be made within 30 days of the decision. The permit approved by OHPC several years ago was for a handicapped elevator at the front of the building, not for a sign. Bigsby noted that an application for an electronic billboard in a residential neighborhood will not pass code or zoning.

- Commissioner reports
 - Overhiser reminded board members they need to complete 20 hours of training, and handed out brochures for the NY Statewide Preservation Conference.
 - Bigsby reported on missing minutes on website
- Chair report
- Public Comments
- Adjourn 8:24pm

Next OHPC meeting on Thursday October 6, 2022, 7 PM