



# Owego Historic Preservation Commission

Public Meeting Minutes  
21 Elm Street Owego, NY

Thursday October 6, 2022, 7:00 PM (Revised Agenda, 10/5)

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- Call to Order/Attendance 7:05pm

Jim Overhiser, Nadine Bigsby, Phoebe Morris, Brian Kennedy. Absent - Tim Dies

- Public Comments

Stacy Adams spoke in support of the American Legion electronic billboard. Said it was donated by her sister in memory of her sister's late husband Matt Howe.

- Approve Minutes from June 2, 2022 (Comm. Present at this meeting: PM, JO,TD) Need a quorum of people who attended the meeting to approve the minutes. Tabled to next meeting

- Review of COA Applications:

- #2022106-1 30 Ross St porch addition (Florence Zimmerer)

FOF: 1st Phoebe Morris 2nd Nadine Bigsby - Approved  
30 Ross St., Village of Owego Property Owner Florence Zimmerer, Front porch remodel, Contractor Terry Duffy. Nothing was found contrary to guidelines  
Remove existing metal awning and metal support posts. Rebuild porch with pressure treated wood, plywood and Trex decking. Replaced with wood and shingle roof, with a traditional center peaked roof. Porch has an expanded footprint of 48" x 48" covering the existing concrete base and steps with wood framing. Trex vinyl decking is used for porch floor and stair treads. Porch painted to match the house.

COA: 1st Brian Kennedy 2nd Nadine Bigsby - Approved

- #2022106-2 37-41 Lake St, ArtEast Café (Al Capriglione)

FOF: 1st Nadine Bigsby 2nd Brian Kennedy - Approved  
37-41 Lake St., Village of Owego property owner Al Capriglione, Streetscape Improvements, NYS Main Street Grant, SHPO Approved, Arteast Café LLC building facade restoration.  
**Phase 1:** Pressure-wash exterior, within SHPO guidelines, and remove graffiti located on the brick wall above the neighboring roof. Repoint brick and mortar, patch where needed, matching existing mortar as close as possible. Existing trim and stained glass in arched

windows will be repaired as needed. Operable wood windows with aluminum cladding will be installed on the 2nd and 3rd floor of the front of the building, to match store facade windows. On the West (rear) side, stain exterior wood decking and replace handrails, balusters and stair stringers with in-kind materials. Apartment doors on the 2nd and 3rd floor will be replaced with fiberglass insulated doors with safety glass. Remove plywood cover from the concrete stairs leading to the basement level and replace with metal Bilco doors with extensions.

**Phase 2:** Replace existing storefront with a more period appropriate facade. A stationary low wall with raised wood panel and glazed transom panels will coordinate with the size of the operable windows. The storefront window system will also be operable, allowing the first floor of the building to be open to the public. Front facade doors will be aluminum clad wood doors with transom above. front doors will have surface applied mullions. Small, period appropriate light fixtures will be installed on each end of the front facade, minimal ambient lighting and restored 12" canopy support will be installed above the storefront windows.

COA: 1st Jim Overhiser 2nd Nadine Bisby - Approved

- #2022106-3 58 Paige St. (Don Woodward)

FOF: 1st Jim Overhiser 2nd Brian Kennedy - Approved

58 Paige St, Village of Owego property owner Don Woodward and Ken Willet, Contractor - Barker Garage Doors, re: repair of shed behind house.

Shed will be roofed with architectural shingles, matching the house. Wood siding was repaired with in-kind materials and will be painted to match the house. Replacement door is a roll-up garage door: 2 sided sandwich steel, woodgrain face with poly trim boards. Heavy Duty Polystyrene Insulation. 1-13/16" thick, R 10-29.

COA: 1st Jim Overhiser 2nd Nadine Bigsby - Approved

- Informal discussion of any past approved COA project progress and potential upcoming COA reviews
  - Restore NY Tioga Econ Dev grant information
    - Overhiser wrote a letter in support of the Tioga Economic Development committee writing a grant to access finances to renovate the old Tioga Trails building. He said he received a positive response from the committee.
  - 206 Front St flashing inquiry (Stephen Donnelly)
    - Overhiser spoke with the contractor about the leaking roof. He said they thought they fixed the leak above the front store window but, if it leaks again they want to apply flashing to cover the area. A building inventory form was submitted but no formal application. no action taken.
  - 310 Main St (Maria Howard)
    - Overhiser spoke with Maria about porch repairs she wants to do and repairs to the garage. Advised of OHPC guidelines.
  - 313 Front St.: Wahl's house partially destroyed by 200 y.o. tree
    - Overhiser spoke with Wendy and Andy about the repairs after the tree fell on the 'radius room' and smashed the roof and separated it from the main wall of the house.. Kennedy also

spoke to them about the immediate repairs needed to be made prior to winter.

- 381 Main St (Heather Kirkland)

Code contacted the owner and advised that any exterior work (including siding) needs a building permit and issued a stop work order. Overhiser spoke with Heather about the vinyl siding she was putting on the house and advised her of OHPC guidelines.

- New Business

None

- Old Business

None

- Commissioner reports

Bigsby reminded the committee that we need suggestions for the 'Pillars of Preservation' awards. Said we should encourage the village to set up digital documentation.

- Chair report

- NYS Historic Preservation conference, Syracuse

Overhiser presented at the recent conference. Spoke about different fundraising efforts made to rehabilitate an opera theater. Also toured the recently renovated hotel Syracuse. •

- Channel 34 (Roy Croce)

Overhiser spoke with Roy about the American Legion fundraising efforts in support of the electronic billboard. Advised that the American Legion had not re-submitted an application for review so there is no action to be taken at this time.

- Public Comments

Mike Duvarney mentioned that there are several houses on Paige St (north of Main) which are in severe disrepair and the OHPC should do something about it. Overhiser advised that the OHPC is not involved until the owners apply for a building permit. Any concerns about the safety of a building need to be sent to code.

Duvarney pointed out there are discrepancies in the map of the historic district posted on the Village website. Overhiser said he would review the law creating the district and work on getting the map updated.

- Adjourn

8:45 pm

Next OHPC meeting on Thursday November 3, 2022, 7 PM