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Virtual Public Meeting

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February 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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- **Call to order/Attendance** Nadine B, Phoebe M. Jim O. Tim D. Laura Spencer.(Liaison to BOT), Julie Nucci, ex-officio
- **Public Comments** Village Trustee, Laura S. (liaison from BOT) and OHPC ex-officio, Julie Nucci spoke about a potential NYS grant for flood mitigation that may have a positive impact on the historic district. An example of a positive impact possibility was the property 247 Main that failed in the bid for elevation funding could request a buyout. The grant program is \$30 million available for mitigation in the town/village and similar to the grant that elevated 5-6 properties. Joann Linsdtrom, Town of Owego contacted the village to determine interest and has agreed to work with the village in making it happen.
- **Application for COA to Review: Previously approved on October 7, 2021, #2021107-1, 53-55 North Avenue, addendum to change COA name to new property owner, Alex Duda ,AKA “NAVO Properties LLC”, as owner of record. Previous owner, Deb Smith, is current property manager for NAVO Properties LLC for this property. Megan Schnable from Team Tioga is managing the DRI Grant aspect of this application.** Motion to approve change: PM 2nd: TD Aye:4 Nay: 0 Passed
- **Approve Minutes from December 2, 2021.(There are no minutes from January as meeting was postponed until February).** Motion to approve change: JO 2nd: PM Aye:4 Nay: 0 Passed
- **Old Business : Informal discussion of progress for past projects approvedfor COA and potential upcoming COA reviews.**
 - JO spoke to the new owner of the house on the corner of Ross and Main RE NYS tax credit,

- NB spoke to owner of property Gallery 41 building RE historic preservation in the remodeling.
- **New Business: Upcoming National Historic Preservation Month in March Plan to have a day when we give out “welcome bags” at new Village Offices or other location. Advance notice in Press/ Facebook etc.** NB suggested doing this once the new village building is open
- **Start thinking about Pillars of Preservation 2022 Property** NB want the commissioners to start thinking about which properties might be worthy, avoid properties that have already been honored. The Belva Lockwood house comes to mind...we would like some update and photos on the actual renovations; JO offered to again contact Ike and Julie to try and catch up on the story of renovation there.
- **Awards. Pick a date for reception towards end of 2022.**
- **Commissioner reports** None
- **Chair report : Discuss recommendation for appointment of new OHPC Chair after upcoming Village elections and Annual Village Meeting. Nadine to remain as member to mentor new Chair. Start looking for new Ex-officio member to serve and be prepared to be appointed commissioner to replace Nadine in 2023.** NB will email forward the list generated by the OHPC of potential commissioners and ex-officios and invite them to the next OPC meeting 3-3-2022, 7pm
- **Public Comments Trustee Laura Spencer, mentioned the new village office building as a possible pillar award.**
- **Adjourn** Motion to adjourn: PM 2nd: TD Aye:4 Nay: 0 8:06pm

Respectfully Submitted by Commissioner Overhiser

Next Virtual OHPC meeting on Thursday March 3, 2022 at 7 PM