

## Owego Historic Preservation Commission

OHPC

### Public Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Via <https://global.gotomeeting.com>

- **Call to order** at 7:02 PM
- **Attendance:** Bigsby, Knickerbocker, Overhiser, Trustee Eberly, Mayor Baratta, Absent: Kennedy and Gates
- **Public Attendance** -none
- **Public Comments** -none
- **Applications for COA** to Review: None
- **Applications for Historic Record:** None
- **Informal Discussion** of any prospective applications for future review and updates on previously approved projects:  
Commissioner Knickerbocker is documenting interior of “ Hand of Man” store as it is being emptied and business is being closed.  
80 Front Street working on rotted front porch and trim, recreating OG pattern  
Documentation needed for work done on “Belva Lockwood” and other Loveless properties on Front Street. For the historic record.  
North Avenue “Arts Park” has strong interest and support of Commission  
Gibson Corners School: Commission is interested in supporting preservation of this property even though it is not in the historic district.
- **Approve minutes from March 5, 2020.** Motion by Knickerbocker, Seconded by Overhiser  
Vote : Unanimous, Yea
- **Approve minutes from Special Meeting March 13, 2020.** Motion delayed until next meeting because only Commissioners Bigsby, Kennedy, and Overhiser attended meeting and are the only ones to approve. Kennedy was absent at meeting.
- **Old Business:**  
Ongoing Website issues: Commission will continue to work on this with support of Mayor and his office.  
DRI/ Main Street Grants update: informal discussion that some applicants were struggling with coming up with matching funds.  
New Owner welcome letter/packet: Commissioner Overhiser said he would take this project on.  
OHPC Awards 2020: Tentatively scheduled for September or October 2020.

- **New Business:**

Commission voted unanimously to adopt Code of Ethics for Commissions and Staff as recommended and created by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions.

- **Commissioner Reports** – none

- **Chair Report**

NY Statewide Preservation Conference, Syracuse NY, rescheduled for Tuesday December 1 – Thursday December 3, 2020. CLG/Commission scholarships still available.

Report sent to mayor and BOT for March OHPC activities

Confirmation from Village attorney that contained in the village code, there is a tax abatement permitted for certain renovations/repairs to properties within the historic district.

The Chair will submit annual SHPO/CLG report on time by April 3, 2020.

- **Public Comments** – None

- **Adjourned** at 7: 43 PM

Next OHPC Meeting on May 7,2020 at 7 PM via “Go To Meeting”