

Owego Historic Preservation Commission

OHPC

Public Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2020 at 7:00 PM

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

- **Call to order** at 7:14 PM, meeting was recorded
- **Attendance:** Bigsby (via phone), Overhiser, Kennedy, Mayor Baratta, Absent: Knickerbocker and Gates. Quorum present.
- **Public Attendance** -Joe Palladino, applicant (via phone)
- **Public Comments** -none
- **Applications for COA to Review:** # 202057-1, 121 Front Street, Residential, Palladino property owner.

Findings of Fact:

Pursuant to Village of Owego Code Chapter 126: "Preservation" adopted 2/19/2019

Bigsby made a motion to accept and approve the following Finding of Facts for application # 202057-1:

The proposal constitutes work on a porch, steps, pillars, and railings attached to the west elevation of this 1892 brick house. The new porch ends at the NW corner elevation and does not wrap around. Except for one small corner jog intersecting the stucco addition and the historic brick home, the porch work is only in contact with the stucco addition and its foundation (see file photos and drawings).The intent is for the side porch to replicate all aspects of the front porch which was added in 1998-1999. The side porch will seamlessly tie in with the lines and appearance of the front porch on the south elevation. Whenever possible, natural, and historically appropriate building materials will be used. The new porch will reach a height of 14 feet from ground to roof and has an area of 10' x 15'. The roof will consist of 6x6 pressure treated joists on 16" center. They will be covered with 3/4" plywood, then 1/2 " iso board roof material, then a layer of rubber roofing over the roof with beveled corners. Gutters will have copper downspouts, round and 1/2" round with hidden attachments.

The support for the side porch will be 3 - 6x6 pressure treated posts resting on 10" concrete columns sunk 38" below the frost line. The deck surface will be Douglas fir tongue and groove boards nailed to the joists (as on the front porch.) There will be points of egress from the porch to the slate patio (constructed of recycled village sidewalk slates) on the west side of the house as well as to the back yard's north elevation. These stairs will also be fir treads on a pressure treated base, both stair sets will rest on 6' long 4" thick slate stone. This patio is approximately 15' x 30' and a slate walkway connects the west patio to the south elevation's front porch steps and its adjacent sidewalk.

Soffits, fascia, and drip edge to match existing front porch. Color scheme of green/cream/rust will match color designs on lathe turned spindles and rails and pillars as seen on the south elevation front porch.

See Reference: OHPC Design Guidelines 2019 Chapters on "Porches/Entryways/Decks" and "Roofing/Gutters".

Pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) it has been determined by the OHPC that this proposal constitutes a TYPE II action as defined under 6 CRR-NY 67.5(c).

Any additional work or changes not described above will require further review by the OHPC.

All work will be conducted according to applicable Village Code

Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion to accept FOF. Commissioners Bigsby, Kennedy, Overhiser voted to accept and approve the FOF. Motion Passed.

COA: Chair Bigsby made a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for application # 202057-1 based upon the preceding approved FOF. Commissioner Overhiser seconded the motion. Commissioners Bigsby, Kennedy, and Overhiser voted to approve the issuance of a COA. Motion passed.

- **Applications for Historic Record:** None
- **Informal Discussion** of any prospective applications for future review and updates on previously approved projects: Commissioner Kennedy discussed an upcoming project for a property at 250 Main Street. It was described as routine maintenance/repair in kind. Also, Commissioner Bigsby asked Joe Palladino what his plans were concerning the continuing construction of a separate garage on his 121 Front Street property. The progress of the plans are uncertain as the property may be transferred to an adjoining property owner. Chair Bigsby asked Mr. Palladino to check the previous COA (formerly call NOD) to make sure that it had not expired. Bigsby will check files on property about this. If the 'NOD" has expired, an application for an extension will need to be made. Bigsby was also going to check with CEO about this project.
- **Approve minutes from Special Meeting March 13, 2020.** Correction to typo repeat recommended by Kennedy. Motion to approve with correction by Bigsby. Seconded by Overhiser. Bigsby, Kennedy, Overhiser voted to approve minutes with correction. Motion passed.
- **Approve minutes from April 2, 2020.** Motion delayed until next meeting. Commissioner Kennedy was absent from that meeting, so he could not vote to approve.
- **Old Business:**
 - Ongoing Website issues: Commission will continue to work on this with support of Mayor and his office. Commission will post information for residents about Historic Tax Credits and other workshops that would be of interest to historic district residents.
 - DRI/ Main Street Grants update: Mayor Baratta said things were moving forward, in general.
 - New Owner welcome letter/packet: Commissioner Overhiser said he would take this project on. Bigsby will support.
 - OHPC Awards 2020: Tentatively scheduled for September or October 2020.

- **New Business:** chair recommended that Commission send a letter to Representative Reed to encourage him to support funding for historic preservation.
- **Commissioner Reports** – none
- **Chair Report**

The Chair submitted annual SHPO/CLG report on time, April 3, 2020. At a future BOT meeting Chair will send copies of new application and redesigned guidelines to Mayor and BOT for study.

- **Public Comments** – None
- **Adjourned** at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Nadine Bigsby with support from Jim Overhiser

Next OHPC Meeting on June 4, 2020 at 7 PM via "Go To Meeting"