

Owego Historic Preservation Commission

OHPC

Public Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2020 at 7:00 PM

20 Elm Street

- **Call to order** at 7:06 PM, meeting was recorded
- **Attendance** : Commissioners Bigsby, Overhiser, Knickerbocker, Absent: Commissioners Kennedy and Gates. Quorum present.
- **Public Attendance** -Bill and Debra Gates, applicants
- **Public Comments** -none
- **Applications for COA** to Review:

20264-1, 240 Main Street, mansard roof shingle replacement

Findings of Fact:

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

Bigsby made a motion to accept OHPC approved work for application # **202064-1** from Finding of Facts:

The proposed work is for replacing the roofing and gutters on the residence built between 1869 and 1873. The style of the house is second empire with a mansard roof. Mr. Joe's Home Improvement is the contractor. The existing roofing will be removed down to the deck on the mansard roof sections. New self adhered ice and water barriers will be installed, as necessary. The roof deck will be covered with synthetic breathable roofing felt. Two-inch white steel drip edge to the eave edges will be installed. Starter on the eave edges using Carriage House shingles as recommended by manufacturer. Install "Certainteed" Carriage House Limited Lifetime architectural designer shingles in "Colonial Slate". Install new aluminum flashings where required. Cap the hips with matching hip/ridge cap shingles. No gutter work is planned. If this project needs to repair or replace structural roof components, work must be stopped until a Village Building Permit by the CEO is issued.

References:

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines (2017) for rehabilitation p.98 "ROOFS"

OHPC Design Guidelines 2019 p.9 "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.

Chair Bigsby motioned to approve findings of fact for application # 202064-1. Commissioner Knickerbocker seconded motion. All voted to approve. **Motion passed.**

Chair Bigsby motioned to approve a COA for application # 202064-1 based upon the approved Findings of Fact. Commissioner Knickerbocker seconded the motion to approve issuance of COA. All vote to approve. **Motion passed.**

202064-2, 3 Front Street residence, porch and roof replacement and repair

Findings of Fact:

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

Biggsby made a motion to accept OHPC approved work for application # 202064-2 from Finding of Facts:

Proposed work is for Porch, Steps, and Railings of this circa 1900 home. (NE corner addition added c. 1910). There is no mention of any porches in the 1977 Cornell Inventory nor the 2020 updated building structure inventory form. Contractor is Robert Ilg and he has been unable to locate historic photos of porches. Contractor will remove all three small porches, two on the E elevation and one on the S elevation which is the main entrance. The porches/entryways will be replaced in the same footprint. Two porch roofs on the South and SE elevations will be removed. The three porch structures will be rebuilt with pressed lumber. The two new porch roofs will match the old roofs. Asphalt shingles will be installed. Gutters will be built in and not seen from street view. Decking for 3 porches will be 5/4" x4" Douglas fir tongue and groove with Douglas fir stair treads. Painted risers, FYPON railings, posts and spindles, TAG beaded soffits will be installed. Railings will look like the illustration provided with the application, products MLD453, BTRAX120, BAL2X28SQ, and BBR4X120. New porch skirting composed of wood will be designed and installed to match other period appropriate skirtings in the district. All efforts will be made to use natural materials to match historic materials that are removed. All effort will be made to use period appropriate designs, and special care will be used to maintain historic architectural details such as the corbels. The proposed work will require a Village Building Permit.

References:

The Secretary of the Interior Standards and Guidelines (2017) for Rehabilitation p. 98 " Roofs", p. 110 " Entrances and Storefronts".

OHPC Design Guidelines 2019 p. 11 " Porches/Entryways/Decks"

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.

Chair Bigsby motioned to approve findings of fact for application # 202064-2. Commissioner Knickerbocker seconded motion. All voted to approve. **Motion passed.**

Chair Bigsby motioned to approve a COA for application #202064-2 based upon the approved Findings of Fact. All voted to approve. **Motion to issue COA passed.**

- **Applications for Historic Record:** None
- **Informal Discussion** of any prospective applications for future review and updates on previously approved projects: Chair Bigsby will communicate with village CEO regarding concerns voiced to OHPC about the adding of a small addition to the back of a property in the historic district that might be for a business that might be in violation of zoning and building code. Also, the Chair will contact information to CEO about derelict, unoccupied residential property at 247 Main Street. Chair will send information to CEO regarding commercial shipping container on property on Main Street that has been in place for years and can be seen from street view.
- **Approve minutes from April 2, 2020.** Commissioner Overhiser motioned to approve minutes. Commissioner Knickerbocker approved motion. All voted to approve minutes. Motion passed.
- **Approve minutes from May 7, 2020,** postponed due to absence of Commissioner Kennedy needed to pass.
- **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: things seem to be at a standstill.
 New Owner welcome letter/packet: Commissioner Overhiser presented draft of “ What To Do page”. We will add cover letter with photo of Commissioners.
 OHPC Awards 2020: Chair Bigsby will check with Becca Maffei at Tourism for available dates.
- **New Business:**
- **Chair Report :** Chair discussed the need for new “ younger” members of the Commission to be recruited. Aiden Mead was suggested as an interested person.
- **Public Comments –** None
- **Adjourned** at 8:35 PM

Next OHPC Meeting on July 2, 2020 at 7 PM