

Owego Historic Preservation Commission

OHPC

Public Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM

20 Elm Street, Owego, NY

- **Call to order** at 7:06 PM
- **Attendance:** Commissioners Bigsby, Overhiser, Kennedy, Gates. Absent: Knickerbocker due to injury.
- **Public Attendance** -Don Woodard, applicant
- **Public Comments** -none
- **Applications for COA to Review:**
 - # 202072-1, 41 Paige Street residence, Donald Woodard and Ken Willet for roof work**

Findings of Fact:

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

Bigby made a motion to accept and approve the following Finding of Facts for application # 202072-1

The proposed work is for roof shingle replacement (30 year roof) and gutter reinstallation. The current shingles will be removed and replaced by architectural shingles (slatestone gray from Owens-Corning) that are similar in design and color to the current roof shingles. Included in this work will be flashing for the chimney drip edge ice and water shields, felt paper and pipe boots. Contractor on the application is Green Hawk Solutions LLC.

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.

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

COA: Chair Bigsby made a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for application # 202072-1 based upon the preceding approved FOF. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. Commissioners Bigsby, Kennedy, Gates, and Overhiser voted to approve the issuance of a COA. Motion passed.

202072-2, 58 Paige Street residence, Donald Woodard and Ken Willet for porch, roof, gutter replacement, and repair.

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 # 202072-2

The proposed work is for porch and gutter work. The porch is located on the SW elevation. Tongue and groove boards provided by owner will be installed in the porch ceiling. Handrails to match existing porch railings will be installed on the porch stairs. Handrails and treads will be painted to match existing railings and porch floor. Porch skirting with original scroll design will be installed that matches the sides of the house. Repair work will be done on a section of the skirting on the south elevation of the house. Pigeon droppings will be removed from the porch floor, which will be pressure washed. Floor will be repainted to match existing floor. Rotten floorboards will be replaced on small porch floor located at the home's south side. Ogee gutters will be installed with hidden K Style brackets to house fascia with downspouts.

References:

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

OHPC Design Guidelines 2019 p. 9. "Roofing/Gutters", 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.

Commissioner Overhiser seconded the motion to accept FOF. Commissioners Bigsby, Overhiser and Gates voted to accept and approve the FOF. Kennedy abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion Passed.

COA: Chair Bigsby made a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for application # 202072-2 based upon the preceding approved FOF. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. Commissioners Bigsby, Gates, and Overhiser voted to approve the issuance of a COA. Kennedy abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion passed.

202072-3, 402 Main Street, Edward and Marjorie Heeman, for installation of a prefab “ garage” in the rear of their residential property. *(This application was submitted on time but was left off of the agenda by clerical error.)*

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

Bigby made a motion to accept and conditionally approve the following Finding of Facts for application # 202072-3:

The proposed work is for the installation of a white (to match the house) “Amish” prefab 12x20 garage to store an historic automobile in the SW corner of the back yard of this property. Photos included in application show a tree that is planned on being removed to facilitate installation. The shed will be placed in the rear corner of the lot (SW), in front of the rear (N) elevation of the neighbor’s gray shed as seen in photo. Property’s lawn leads up to garage. **Roofline of this prefab structure should resemble the roofline of the period of the house as indicated in attached photos and shown in the bottom right attached advertisement of examples of garages.**

References:

The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines (2017) for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings.

OHPC Design Guidelines 2019 p. 18 Site Features

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 Bigby, Overhiser Kennedy and Gates voted to accept and approve the FOF. Motion Passed.

COA: Chair Bigby made a motion to issue a Conditional Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for application # 202072-3 based upon the preceding approved FOF. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion. Commissioners Bigby, Gates, Kennedy and Overhiser voted to approve the issuance of a conditional COA. Motion passed.

- **Applications for Historic Record:** None
- **Informal Discussion of any prospective applications for future review and updates on past or ongoing projects.** Chair reported phone conversation with Property owner of “The Smoke Shop” on North Avenue regarding upcoming Main Street Grant work on his building. This needs SHPO approval first.
- **Approve minutes from May 7.** Bigby motioned to approve. Kennedy seconded. Bigby, Kennedy, and Overhiser approved. Gates abstained due to absence. Motion passed.

- **Approval of June 4, 2020 minutes postponed to August 6, 2020 due to lack of quorum to approve.**
- **Old Business:**
New Owner welcome letter/packet: Commissioner Overhiser will continue project.
OHPC Awards 2020: Tentatively scheduled for September or October 2020. Overhiser suggested to Chair to make this a separate agenda item going forward. Chair asked Commissioners to bring ideas for nominations to next meeting.
- **New Business:** Chair attended last Board of Trustee meeting to voice appreciation and support to village for finding the funding (from installation of LED lights in the Village) to support hiring full time Code Enforcement Officer. Position is important not just for historic district but for the entire village. Chair reported to BOT that the OHPC had a strong working relationship with Scott Phelps who was doing an excellent job.
- **Commissioner Reports** – none
- **Chair Report:** Chair reports that Mike and Suzy Poe have purchased the Gibson corners Schoolhouse and plan on renovating it back to its original purpose. Information was given to Commissioner Kennedy about online training classes available for Historic Preservation Commissioners.
- **Public Comments** – None
- **Adjourned** at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted by Nadine Bigsby with support from Jim Overhiser

Next OHPC Meeting on July 6, 2020 at 7 PM. Location TBD.