

Owego Historic Preservation Commission

OHPC

Special Virtual Public Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2020 at 12:00 Noon

Via GOTOMEETING

- Call to order at 12:05 PM
- Attendance: Present -Commissioners Bigsby, Overhiser, Knickerbocker and Gates. Commissioner Kennedy absent due to work conflict.
- Public Attendance: None
- Public Comments: None
- **Applications for COA Review:**
 - **#202093-1, 244 Main Street, Gary and Nadine Bigsby, Porch repair**
 - Commissioner Overhiser made a motion to approve the following Findings of Facts:

Pursuant to Village of Owego Code Chapter 126: "Preservation" adopted 2/19/2019 OHPC issued a COA for application # 202093-1 from the following approved Finding of Facts: The planned work:

- to remove and replace in kind rotted floorboards
- to repair/replace in kind the NW corner pillar
- to repair and replace porch foundation as needed
- inspect and replace and repair main support beam of porch as needed
- replace all rotted trim pieces as needed using like materials and identical designs.
- flat roof of porch (currently asphalt sheeting) will be replaced by rubber roofing.
- Porch will be painted using the same color scheme in current use.(cream with maroon trim).
- If skirting needs repair and replacement, it will be done with same pattern and color and materials
- Exterior North Facing window's water damage to the trim and surrounding wooden clapboard siding will be repaired using in kind materials. Original window will remain.
- If Village Code requires the addition of a railing, owners will return to the OHPC for review of period appropriate designs.

References:

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines (2017) for rehabilitation p. 110, Entrances and Porches; p. 102 Windows

OHPC Design Guidelines 2019 p. 11, Porches/Entryways/Decks; p. 8, Windows and Doors

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 Gates seconded the motion. Gates, Knickerbocker and Overhiser voted to approve the FOF. Bigsby recused due to conflict of interest as property owner. Motion passed

Commissioner Overhiser made a motion to issue a COA for application # 202093-1 based upon the approved FOF. Commissioner Knickerbocker seconded the motion. Gates, Knickerbocker, and Overhiser voted to approve. Bigsby recused due to conflict of interest. Motion passed.

- **# 2020915-1, 248 Front Street, J. Lester Lovell, Corporate Tenant sign**
Chair Bigsby made a motion to approve the following Findings of Facts:

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

OHPC issued a COA for application # 2020915-1, 248 Front Street from approved Finding of Facts:

The proposed work is for two "South Water" Manufacturer identical signs for Edward Jones Investments to be affixed to the north and west elevations of the historic property at 248 Front Street, as per the diagrams and photos provided by the contractor, John Pidcoe of "Anything Artistic". The front entrance (north elevation) aluminum sign with vinyl lettering will be 33.5" x 24", to be mounted flush to building exterior, on the NW first floor property façade. Sign will read "Edward Jones Investments", "Patrick Ousterout, Financial Advisor" followed by phone number. The second identical sign will be installed on the west elevation of the historic property next to the handicap accessible ramp affixed to the building, approximately adjacent at right angles to the sign affixed on the North elevation. Care will be taken to protect siding of the structure at installation, as outlined in installers and manufacturers submitted diagrams.

References:

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines (2017) for rehabilitation p. 143, Settings/Neighborhoods

OHPC Design Guidelines 2019 p. 15, Signs/Awnings/Murals/Banners

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. Bigsby, Gates, Knickerbocker, and Overhiser voted to approve. Motion passed.

Commissioner Bigsby made a motion to issue a COA for application # 2020915-1 based upon the approved FOF. Commissioner Knickerbocker seconded the motion. Bigsby, Gates, Knickerbocker, and Overhiser voted to approve. Motion passed.

Chair Bigsby entered into the record a recognition of the COVID 19 rescheduled September 15, 2020 re-election of Mayor Baratta, Trustee Plater, and Trustee VanHousen. All three have been supporters of historic preservation and the work of the OHPC and is appreciated. Commissioners Overhiser, Gates, and Knickerbocker agreed .

Meeting adjourned at 12:22 PM

Respectfully submitted by Chair Bigsby with support from Commissioner Overhiser

Next public meeting of the OHPC on Thursday October 1, 2020 at 7:00
Place TBD