



# Owego Historic Preservation Commission

Public Meeting Minutes  
22 Elm Street Owego, NY

Thursday June 1, 2023, 7:00 PM

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- Call to Order/Attendance 7:05pm  
James Overhiser (chair), Phoebe Morris, Tim Deis, Jeff Smith, Ira Rosenheck
- Public Comments  
Attending public: Chuck Devine, Alexander Wydell
- Approve Minutes from May 4, 2023  
1st: Smith 2nd: Rosenheck Unanimously approved
- Review of COA Applications:
  - o #20230601-1 87 North Ave. Firehouse/Clocktower ; owner Village of Owego
    - FOF 1st: Overhiser 2nd: Morris Unanimously approved
    - COA 1st: Smith 2nd: Overhiser Unanimously approved

Project approved by SHPO 05/30/2023. Clean exterior brick masonry, remove paint with Safestrip 8 historic brick cleaner and repaint where appropriate. Terracotta molding above the windows on the main building will have their paint removed and the historic underlying material exposed. Remove lead paint from exterior wooden surfaces. Repair wooden members with epoxy and apply water-repellent preservative. Strip lead paint from iron and steel features and ornamental metal. The ornamental metal roof cornice will be cleaned, paint will be removed, and new paint applied using appropriate colors. Galvanized steel sheet metal sections on the cornices below the roof will be cleaned, damaged sections will be removed and new galvanized steel sections installed, the seams and any small nail holes will be soldered, and the metal will be painted in appropriate colors. Replace dome with standing seam metal roof to match existing. Repaint iron and steel features and ornamental metal to match existing.

- o #20230504-2 88 North Ave (John's Fine Food) mural on North wall ; owners K. Shan Padya and Laura Cheesy

- approved without COA

Contractor: Stephen Whitman, painting a new mural on the Temple St. side of the building. Wall has been repaired and will support paint. Mural will reference the strawberry festival, the new and old county courthouse as well as the old bridge. Painted with airbrush and latex paint. 5 year maintenance provided.

- o #20230601-2 35 ½ Lake St. sign HBRINK construction (Lost Memories); property owner Wendy Deis
  - Deferred for more information
  - Additional information on application #20230601-2 received on 06/09/2023. Email vote taken on sign 06/10/2023 - unanimously approved.

Re-attach pre-existing (3'h X 6'w) sign from old business to outside of building. Sign is carved, painted wood with a printed logo of the new business "Lost Memories Antique & Vintage". The sign shall be installed in the sign board area of 35 1/2 Lake Street and not on the storefront or paneled area. The sign shall not cover any architectural features. The sign shall be held off of the sign board area so as to not trap water between the sign and the building. No exterior lighting is proposed.

- FOF 1st: Overhiser 2nd: Morris Unanimously approved
- COA 1st: Smith 2nd: Overhiser Unanimously approved

- o #20230504-5 (2<sup>nd</sup> review) 26-28 Lake St window replacement/facade work; owner, Matt Romano
  - FOF 1st: Smith 2nd: Overhiser Unanimously approved
  - COA 1st: Morris 2nd: Overhiser 3 aye 1 nay (Smith)

Property owner Matt Romano, Re: Exterior remodel including window replacement Replace the 12 front windows with paintable one over one, fiberglass windows, restoring them to original opening size and recess (36" x 72"). The plywood enclosing the arch above each window will be replaced with paintable fiberglass. Brick molding trim will be painted to match the window. Existing Vinyl windows on the alley side of the building will be replaced in-kind. Repoint and repair missing brick in the cornice, remove exterior air conditioners and repair holes in brick exterior. Remove textured 111 plywood on the storefronts and replace with a smooth finish stucco to match the parking lot side of the building in color and texture. Paint building dark blue with white trim. No change to storefront awnings, doors, windows or signs.

- Informal discussion of any past approved COA project progress and potential upcoming COA reviews
- New Business
- Overhiser reports that the new owner of the Tioga Trails building has not closed but is promising to have open sidewalks by Strawberry Festival. Trees on the Main St side of the building have been removed in preparation of repairs to the brick wall.
- Jeff Smith reported that Peter Gordon (Town historian), Joan Lindstrom (Town planner) and

himself submitted a Cultural Resources survey for Town of Owego

- Old Business
  - Sign guidelines update? (pg 15-16) RE; Murals and possible new language.
  - Referred contractor to house that wanted to replace yankee gutters
  - Update on website instructional video (PM) - Meeting with chair next week to discuss
  - Smith said the Robertson house that was hit by the tree last fall is getting ready to rebuild it.
  
- Commissioner reports - none
  
- Chair report
  - CLG grant for a new historic district survey.(submitted April 30, 2023)
  - Overhiser said he spoke with Cornell about the grant to resurvey the historic district. New survey will update the 1970 survey and digitize it.
  
- Public Comments - none
- Adjourn 8:23pm

**Next OHPC meeting on Thursday July 6, 2023 at 7 PM**

*Respectfully submitted by Phoebe Morris*