



# Owego Historic Preservation Commission

## Public Meeting Minutes

21 Elm Street Owego, NY

Thursday November 3, 2022, 7:00 PM

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- Call to Order/Attendance 7:09pm  
Jim Overhiser (Chair), Nadine Bigsby, Phoebe Morris, Tim Deis, Ira Rosenheck (ex-officio)  
Public attending: Heather Kirkland, Don Beauduin, Megan Schnabl, Granden Houghtaling, Bruce Nelson
- Public Comments - None
- Approve Minutes from June 2, 2022 (Comm. Present at this meeting: PM, JO,TD)  
1st: Morris 2nd: Deis
- Approve Minutes from Sept 1, 2022 (Comm. Present at this meeting: NB, PM, JO,TD)  
1st: Morris 2nd: Bigsby
- Approve Minutes from , Oct 6, 2022 (Comm. Present at this meeting: PM, JO,NB, BK)  
1st: Morris 2nd: Bigsby
- Review of COA Applications:
  - #20221101-1 381 Main St. (Beaudoin-Kirkland) siding and replacement work  
381 Main St, Village of Owego property owners Don Beaudoin & Heather Kirkland, Contractor G Houghtling Custom Homes, re: extension of wall to cover ramp on West side rear entrance.  
The new outside wall will cover the existing ramp to the back door. The new roof for the addition will be black steel roofing. New light fixture outside above new back door. New wall has 7" wood clapboards, painted to match the house. New extension wall will include windows in the same position as the old wall, replicating the windows on the existing house. Replace fencing at back of property with 6' stockade wood fence, matching fencing of neighboring property.  
FOF 1st: Overhiser 2nd: Bigsby - approved  
COA: 1st: Bigsby 2nd: Deis - approved

- #20221101-2 247 Main St. (Tioga Econ. Development) demolition  
Village of Owego property owner Tioga County Property Development Co., Re: demolition of flood-damaged property. Village of Owego Code Enforcement has declared it an unsafe structure.

Property has been vacant since 9/1/2011 and during the flood of 9/7/2011 it received 5 feet of water on the first floor. During post-flood mitigation all electrical, plumbing and heating systems were removed from the structure. Roof is compromised and the interior has water damage, mold and structural decay. Broken windows allow squirrels, rats and other animals to live inside. Being within the floodplain the expense to raise above BFE and repair/rebuild is cost prohibitive.

FOF 1st: Deis 2nd: Bigsby - approved

COA: 1st: Overhiser 2nd: Bigsby - approved

- Historic Inventory 260 Main St (Nucci/Overhiser) repairs  
Overhiser reported that the job started with minor repairs to rotten soffit which revealed extensive rot and roof. They ended up replacing the roof (in kind) as well as column & soffit repairs (in kind) No COA or building permit needed. Information submitted for record.

- Informal discussion of any past approved COA project progress and potential upcoming COA reviews

Dies said his porch repair was completed and he submitted for Historic Tax credit after the project started. Advised it was easy to work with them and was approved after demolition revealed more damage than originally anticipated.

- New Business

- Updating Central Historic District map (JO)

There are 3 classifications for properties in the Village, National Historic Registry, State Historic Registry and Village designated historic properties that are approved by NY state.

NHR is under the national park service, on a national list of historic places and you do not have to be part of a local historic district to be on the NHR. State Historic Registry is through the CLG and the municipality must have an architectural review board (OHPC) to be listed.

When Owego approved the historic preservation ordinance, the Central Historic Business District is defined on the National Registry Historic Places original map:

1. All the properties on Front St east from number 218 to an including 442
2. all the properties on the south side of Front St west of the Court Street Bridge
3. all the properties on the north side of Front St west of number 145
4. all the properties on the north side of Main St commencing with number 207 and east to and including number 405
5. All the properties on the south side of Main St commencing with the southeast corner of Church St and Main St east to and including number 408
6. the structures on the properties on Church St numbered 20 and 30
7. the structures on the properties on Temple St numbered 138 and 142

8. the structures on the properties on Paige St between Front St and East Temple St
9. all the properties on John St between Front St and Main St
10. all the properties on Spencer Ave between Main St and Temple St
11. the properties on Ross St between Front St and Main St numbered 15, 16, 18, 19, 25, 27, 29, 30, 34

Overhiser said he would like to speak with the Village board of trustees about simplifying the historic district by combining the National and local historic district maps. This would mean expanding the national district to include houses on Ross St and Paige St (which are in the local district) and expanding the local district to include the houses on the north end of Armstrong which are in the National district but not in the local district.

Bigsby suggested we need more time to confer with the Village attorney prior to making a recommendation to the board.

- Old Business
  - Pillars of Historic Preservation Award discussion
- Commissioner reports  
none
- Chair report  
work done on map
- Public Comments  
none
- Adjourn  
8:54

**Next OHPC meeting on Thursday December 1, 2022, 7 PM**