



Owego Historic Preservation Commission

Public Meeting Minutes
Thursday May 5, 2022, 7:00 PM
20 Elm Street Owego, NY

Call to order/ Attendance 7:01 (no recording equipment available)

Nadine Bigsby, Jim Overhiser, Phoebe Morris, Tim Dies, ex officio Ira Rosenheck

Public Comments

None

Review of COA applications:

No applications

Approve minutes from April 7 2022

1st Phoebe Morris, 2nd Nadine Bigsby (approved)

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

Jim Overhiser spoke with Andy Romano (26-28 Lake St) about what will be done to the building, and when he should reach out to us to get approval. Also discussed NY State tax credit

Jim also spoke with Alex Pelto, who owns several businesses in the area, about tax credits and flood mitigation to his building downtown.

Nadine B said she attended the Team Tioga breakfast meeting. Met with Christine Curtis, Tioga County IDA executive director and discussed the OHPC approval process.

New Business - Review signage guidelines and rules

Existing signage and outdoor lighting guidelines do not mention led lighting and need to be updated. Current wording bans neon lighting but doesn't mention led lighting. There are several led strip lights in shop windows that are flashing and bright enough to bother neighbors.

Even led lights that are placed inside the window may fall under this guideline section as, per code, they should not be so bright that they light up or bother neighbors. Signs and lighting should be Compatible to the neighborhood.

Nadine mentioned there is a DRI grant marketing group looking at refreshing the brand of owego, and as that re-branding affects the signs we can use their work to update our sign guidelines.

Heat exchangers/ Heat Pumps

The Corburn Free Library is updating their heating/air conditioning system and will be installing heat exchangers. Most of them will be placed on the roof of the building, but two will be placed on both sides of the building, between the two upper story windows.

Secretary of Interior guidelines recommend installing air conditioners be installed on the roof or sides of buildings out of sight from the right of way and hide the units with plantings, screens or painting it to match the building.

Old Business

None

Commissioner Reports

Chair Report

Attended Flood Mitigation conference. Julie Nucci is leading the CRS classification for the Village of Owego. She spoke with FEMA about flood mitigation grants and making houses resilient to flooding.

Public Comments

none

Motion to Adjourn

1st Phoebe, 2nd Tim (8:11pm)

Next meeting June 2