

**TOWN OF NEWBURGH  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES AUGUST 14, 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lynda Browne; Jeff Cox; Troy Wells; David Wills; Chris Lunn

**ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENT:** Jim Seibert

**ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENT:** Lori Buehlman, Town Manager; Chris Wischer, Town Attorney; Anne Rust Aurand, substituting for Tonya McGuire, Town Council Liaison

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Cox called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Wills moved to adopt the minutes as presented; second by Mrs. Browne; motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**Town Council Liaison**

Mrs. Aurand said she will be covering for Mrs. McGuire until she is able to return to meetings.

**Staff**

Ms. Buehlman said the AEP barge tour plans are progressing. The Barge Right In tours will be Saturday, August 30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mr. Field is the coordinator for the event.

Mr. Seibert's rezoning application, from C1 to R1 for 5 E. Jennings St., was approved by the Town Council. The Planning Commission sent a recommendation to Town Council to rezone Mr. Boyken's property on the west side of town from C2 to C3. There will be a BZA meeting at the end of the month and the Planning Commission will consider another rezoning application in September.

**OLD BUSINESS -None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Lynda Browne -- Reevaluation of Historic Preservation Month Activities**

Mrs. Browne said she has met with HNI Director, Carol Schaefer. The events of the past years have been well-attended but they would like to reevaluate the program. Mrs. Browne is hosting a dinner, Sept. 4, 6 p.m. at the Fish House to discuss the future of the event. She invited commission members. RSVP to 629-4600.

Ms. Buehlman introduced Rebecca Edwards, the new owner of the three story blue house on West Jennings St.

**COA petition by Aaron Jost, 20 W. Jennings St.**

Ms. Buehlman said Mr. Jost is asking to remove the small add-on structure that connects his building with Vecchios at 16 W. Jennings St. Mr. Jost said his designer recommended removing it to meet fire codes. If this is removed, he will not have to install a sprinkler system in his building. It was constructed in the 1980s and is not functional now. He plans to construct a fence there to prevent pedestrian traffic.

Mr. Lunn moved to approve the COA. Mr. Wells seconded the motion and it carried.

**COA discussion for 5 E. Jennings St.**

Mr. Seibert is not seeking the COA at this time, Ms. Buehlman said, but, rather a review of the guidelines for new construction in a historic area. Mr. Seibert noted the plans have changed and will be 4 feet narrower than originally drawn. He discussed possible exterior materials, exterior lights for the lower deck, balconies and lower level. The balconies will be constructed of salvage materials, Mr. Seibert said, and he bought doors for the front entry at an auction. He would like to use the Pella Architectural series for the windows and other doors.

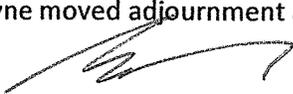
Mr. Wills offered some suggestions. He said when Mr. Seibert applies for a COA, he should provide official plans to the commission to review and actual examples of proposed materials. The guidelines discuss the introduction of modern materials into an historic district.

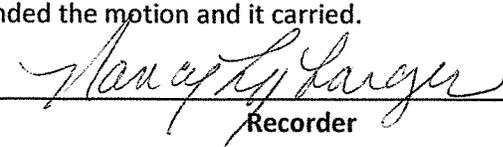
He expressed reservations of the exterior materials Mr. Seibert displayed. He recommended a brick exterior, both for aesthetics and expense. Mr. Seibert said he prefers a brick façade, but asked if stucco would be appropriate.

The concrete pad will be torn out next week and construction will start as soon as either of Mr. Seibert's properties sells.

**ADJOURN**

Mrs. Browne moved adjournment at 6:12 p.m. Mr. Wills seconded the motion and it carried.

  
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Chair

  
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Recorder