

**TOWN OF NEWBURGH
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FEBRUARY 11, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Cox; Jim Renne; Troy Wells, David Wills

ADVISORY BOARD PRESENT: Stewart Sebree

ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENT: Stacie Krieger, Town Council Liaison; Chris Wischer, Attorney; Tavi Wydicks, Acting Zoning Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Cox called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Mr. Wills moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Mr. Wells seconded and the motion carried.

REPORTS

Staff

Ms. Wydicks stated that there has been two staff issued COA's since the January meeting.

Ms. Wydicks stated that she provided the commission with photos of 221 State Street. Ms. Wydicks stated that the permit to remove the damaged tree and to strip and re-caulk some of the windows was issued. Ms. Wydicks stated that she spoke to the property owner Janet Richards earlier in the week and Ms. Richards is looking into working on the patio and side entrance of the home. Ms. Wydicks stated that there is currently a raised flower bed that covers the sandstone footers, and Ms. Richards wants to remove the flower bed to expose the existing stone and redo the patio using flagstone. Ms. Wydicks stated that there is also an overhang at the side entrance that is falling down that Ms. Richards would like to remove. Mr. Wells pointed out that the existing patio and overhang are nowhere near original and Ms. Wydicks stated that Ms. Richards chose to use flagstone because it would be more true to the period. Ms. Wydicks asked the commission if they need to review these plans before permits are issued and the commission answered yes.

Ms. Wydicks updated the commission on the wall repair project at 101 State Street. Ms. Wydicks stated that she spoke to Beth Martin and explained that a separate permit would be required for the windows and that the window plans would need to be submitted and approved by HPC and the State before the permit could be issued.

Certified Local Government

Ms. Wydicks stated that Mr. Renne will be nominated for the scholarship for the Preserving Historic Places conference in April and asked the commission if any other members would like to be nominated for the scholarship. No one else on the commission is available to attend. Mr. Cox stated that the commission also discussed the possibility of a Historic Preservation seminar to ensure the commission meets the education requirements. Mr. Cox stated that the commission could look at holding a historic preservation seminar, maybe in conjunction with Historic Preservation week. Mr. Wills asked Mr. Sebree if this is something he could help with and Mr. Sebree responded and stated that any continuing education would need to be approved by Steve Kennedy. Mr. Cox and Ms. Wydicks agreed to work on planning an education/conference/meeting to be held in the Town.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Expanding the Historic District

Mr. Sebree discussed the local survey. Mr. Cox and Mr. Shoemaker stated that they would meet regarding expanding the historic district and report on the action plan at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

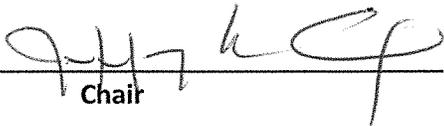
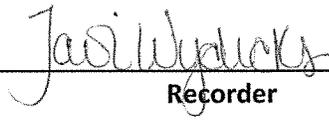
Discussion – Small Brick House on Jennings Street

Mr. Cox asked if there was anyone present to speak regarding the small brick house. Ken Oliver, 7B State Street questioned when the public hearing was and Mr. Wischer responded and stated that public hearing is scheduled for tonight. Mr. Wills made a motion to table the public hearing to give the new

owner and previous owner time to reach an agreement regarding the small brick house. Mr. Oliver stated that the previous owner, Sarah Simpson Taylor, text him and said that she was not going to be able to make it to the hearing. Mrs. Krieger stated that Ms. Taylor attended the February 10th Council meeting and Ms. Taylor was very appreciative of the Town for wanting to save the house and that Ms. Taylor was aware that the Town could not provide the funding to move the structure, but that there were things in motion to get the structure moved. Mr. Wischer stated that nothing of relevance to this board was discussed at the Council meeting. Mr. Renne stated that he spoke to Ms. Simpson and she sends her apologies, but she is at the hospital with her son. Mr. Renne stated that Ms. Simpson planned to attend tonight's meeting and present the plan she and Mrs. Bussing agreed upon, and as of right now, that sales agreement states that Mrs. Bussing owns the property, but Ms. Taylor owns that house and has agreed to have it moved off the property by March 1, 2016. Mr. Renne stated that Mrs. Bussing and Ms. Taylor could agree to extend the time period. Mr. Renne stated that he received a cost estimate \$65,000.00 and this includes the deconstruction, preparation of new foundation, reconstruction, and restoration. Mr. Cox asked if the commission tables the hearing, does it have the same the impact of nothing can happen until the hearing, and Mr. Wischer answered no, and reviewed the demolition process, interim protection, and the public hearing process. Mr. Wills asked if the house was listed in the interim report and how it is rated, and Mr. Cox stated that it is listed as notable. The commission discussed tabling the public hearing. Mr. Cox questioned if the Council has identified any prospective sites and Mrs. Krieger responded and said nothing specific, but they have discussed the trailhead and the Old Lock and Dam. Mr. Wills amended his motion to table the public hearing for six months. Mr. Cox stated that the commission does not know what Mrs. Bussing plans are for construction and Mrs. Bussing's brother and attorney, Bill Bussing, stated that Mrs. Bussing does not have immediate plans for construction. Mr. Bussing discussed the issue with the commission. Mr. Wells seconded the motion and the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Mr. Wells moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wills seconded the motion and the motion carried.

 Chair  Recorder