

**VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
March 10, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER – Regular Meeting

Vice -chairperson, Michael Rausch, called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM

ROLL CALL

The following members were in attendance: Michael Rausch, Betty Cure, Linda Deubert, Wendy Warren and Janet Gerrain. A quorum was declared. Committee members, David Dorpfeld and Diane Fausel arrived a few minutes later. Jim Warren and Nicole Bliss were in attendance representing the National Bank of Coxsackie and the applications for changes to 16 Reed Street. Aaron Flach was in attendance to discuss his plans for paint colors for 48 and 52-60 South River Street.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Betty Cure and seconded by Wendy Warren to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2020. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Historic District Application for changes to the rear of 16 Reed Street submitted by Jim Warren for the National Bank of Coxsackie.

The Bank is seeking approval to remove and rebuild two thirds of the rear wall (west side of 16 Reed St.) After the wall is rebuilt it will be faced with brick. The appearance after repair will be the same as before, except for the structural repairs. The number, size, and position of the second-floor windows and door will not change. The applicant will submit an application for paint colors, (*doors and windows?*) after the repairs are completed. This application is dated March 5, 2020.

Betty Cure made a motion to approve the application for structural repairs on the back of the building as complete enough for purposes of scheduling a public hearing. Diane Fausel seconded the motion. The motion was approved. A date for the public hearing will be set. Michael Rausch advised that the Bank will need to provide a copy of the building permit from the Village Building Inspector prior to the public hearing.

B. Historic District Application for changes to the front of 16 Reed Street submitted by Jim Warren for the National Bank of Coxsackie.

The National Bank submitted a preliminary application dated March 4th showing the proposed changes to the front of 16 Reed Street (north side) and additional changes to the rear (south side) of 16 Reed St. Michael Rausch shared photographs of the front of the building as it appeared in the 1960s. The changes proposed by the Bank give a very similar look to the building, more in line with the neighboring facades and similar to the original. The Bank is working with their architect on a final plan which will be submitted at the next meeting. The committee gave some recommendations on researching colors.

C. 48, 52-60 South River Street

Aaron wanted to discuss his proposed colors before submitting a formal application.

He plans to paint the Wire Building, 60 South River St., white with black trim. He is keeping the original brick on the Patrick Henry Building (48 South River St.) and using a black trim. The tin in the front will be replaced with copper. He found four original doors from the building. Two were on the (*south side?*), covered with boards. He is putting glass in the door openings to let in more light. Two of the original doors will be used at the front entrance, one on the side and one on the back. The doors have been stripped to their original oak

and he plans on using a polyurethane finish to protect the wood. The old dress factory (52 South River Street) will be painted a dark bluish grey with black trim. The brick was previously painted over. Aaron has submitted plans to SHPO for 48 and 52 South River St. Aaron will present a formal application regarding these changes and paint colors at the April meeting of the Historic District Commission.

Aaron hopes to have 60 South River St. (The Wire - event venue) open by September 2020. He plans to convert 52 South River Street into a spa, massage rooms and a bridal suite. This will not be done until the following year.

Aaron advised that he has the windows for the McQuade building and installation of the windows has begun at the back of the building. He asked for input on the type of doors for the ground level entrances. Betty suggested matching styles to the first-floor doors but since they are not very visible the ground entrance doors would not need to be as nice as the main entry doors on the first floor.

- A. **Vacant lot – Reed St.** – There is no new information regarding the development on the vacant lot on Reed St, which was proposed by Chris King and Barry Jacob at the January meeting. The property sale has not been finalized.

. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Cemetery Progress Report: The committee is meeting tomorrow evening**
- B. **Heermance Memorial Library porch and windows**– no new updates
- C. **Pomeroy Historic Marker for the Heermance Memorial Library** – Michael has spoken with Catherine Benson, library director. She is working with the board, friends of the Library and Eileen Gobel on the placement and date for the unveiling.

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

ADJOURNMENT

Michael Rausch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05. The motion was seconded by Janet Gerrain. The motion was approved.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

LINDA DEUBERT, SECRETARY