

VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
April 12, 2022

ROLL CALL

The following members were in attendance: Pat Maxwell, Diane Fausel, Wendy Warren, Michael Rausch, Linda Deubert, and David Dorpfeld. Nancy Harm attended via Zoom. Sarah Gray Miller and Mark Deubert were in attendance for their application for 47 South River Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Pat Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wendy Warren moved to approve the minutes of March 8, 2022. Diane Fausel seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **47 South River Street** – The committee reviewed the preservation work permit for a sign for a speakeasy. The sign will be located on the exterior wall of the smaller building formerly known as the Old Jail, which is attached to *Unquiet* (the antique store operated by Sarah Gray Miller in the former DM Hamilton Firehouse). The attached building is on lower New Street. The sign is vintage neon reading *Ravage Liquors*. The neon is a soft white for the name only and will only be turned on during business hours. The Commission agreed that the sign is not prohibited in Village Code Chapter 75, Historic Preservation Districts. Furthermore, the speakeasy will be in the Village Center zoning district; Village Code Chapter 155-55 only prohibits neon signs in residential districts. David Dorpfeld moved that the application be considered significantly complete for purposes of scheduling a public hearing. Michael Rausch seconded. The motion was approved with one abstention by Linda Deubert and 6 ayes: Pat Maxwell, Diane Fausel, Wendy Warren, Michael Rausch, David Dorpfeld and Nancy Harm. The public hearing will be held in conjunction with the Village Planning Board's hearing regarding the site plan application for the speakeasy.
- B. **Resignation of Members** – letters of resignation were received from Janet Gerrain and Linda Deubert, with Janet's resignation to be effective immediately. Linda agreed to stay on until a replacement Commission member is found. Michael Rausch moved to accept the resignations as presented. Wendy Warren seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. Pat Maxwell will forward the resignation letters to the Village Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Vacant lot – Reed St** – no updates
- B. Cemetery** – no updates
- C. Chapter 75** – A public hearing was held on April 11, 2022, for the rescinded and replaced (amended) Chapter 75, with subsequent approval by the Village Board of Trustees at their meeting immediately following. The amended chapter will be effective when accepted by the NYS Department of State.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:17PM in a motion by Wendy Warren and seconded by Diane Fausel and was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Deubert, Secretary - Village of Coxsackie Historic Preservation Commission