

Village of Bath
Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes

6/13/16

Present: Becky Stranges (chair), Brad Benson, Chad Faulkner, Bob Jeffrey, Chet Wilcox, Terry Bilancio, Jeanne Glass (Board liaison), and new Commissioner Mike Skelly

Public Hearing: N/A

Minutes Approved/Amended: Moved Brad/Seconded Bob; carried

Certificates of Appropriateness Applications:

- *209 Liberty St.* – Christine Kolo presented the committee with a COA containing a variety of changes to her restaurant renovation. Bob moved/Seconded Chad that all be approved with the exception of fencing material request. The Commission *requires* a solid wooden fence (such as a West Eastern Cedar Wood Privacy Fence) for around the outside eating area and within sight of the street and prefers this type of fencing continue throughout the property if possible. Motion carried; Chet recusing himself. Chet will follow up on compliance with this request.
- *13 Liberty St.* – COA as submitted denied. Becky will explain to owner that their request does not conform to current sign ordinance. Moved Bob/seconded Brad; carried unanimously
- *Painting of Gazebo in Pulteney Square* – The Commission has been asked to recommend a paint scheme. Moved Brad/seconded Bob that the gazebo be painted using the color scheme it was originally (greens, black with some gold accenting). Becky will interpret the scheme to the painters.

Old Business:

- *Planning Open House at 209 Liberty Street* – Becky went over list of volunteer opportunities. Decided that each room would have a commissioner stationed and that person will interpret the room. Brad and Mike will be out of town. Mary Paddock will be invited to join in tour guiding. Others to meet with Chet for instructions. Brad will write an intro speech.
 - Moved Brad/seconded Bob that we award Christine Kolo \$500 from our preservation award fund as an award for her work on this property. Mention of this cash award will be in all publicity. Brad has designed an award plaque which will be presented with the cash on June 21 at 5pm on the porch. Chet will see that Christine has suitable alerting.
- *Monthly representation at VB meetings-next one June 20th, 5:30pm* – No one was able to attend this meeting.
- *Houses for December House Tour Confirmations? (Dec 17th 4-6pm)* – Only two properties are confirmed (Presbyterian Church and 15 W. Washington). Possibility: Dan Stone property on E. Steuben (Bob to follow up). Other properties are needed.
- *Update on the Website* – none...again.

New Business:

- *Meeting with code enforcer Ralph Senese* – We moved our September meeting to Sept. 19, 4-5:30pm. Becky will arrange this with Ralph and circulate a potential agenda.
- *Update on design guidelines* – The electronic version of the Design Guidelines produced by Clinton Brown Architects is finished. Now we need to take charge of utilization.
- *Plan for defunct businesses with signage* – General discussion on the need to follow up on this.
- *Plan for reporting noncompliance to Code Enforcer* – General discussion on how we might design our own form and insist Ralph S. use it.

Correspondence: None

Expenses/Bills: Balance: \$250-encumbered 2015 budget was spent. We have approximately \$900 in our preservation award fund.

Reports: none

Guests: none

Other:

- Order for article writing is: Becky Bob Sharon Brad Chad Chet Terry -**Bob is due followed by Chad**
- Be more diligent in watching your assigned properties-everyone keep an eye on Liberty Street. *EB: Becky presented a list of many current code violations on Liberty Street. We'll take this up at a future meeting.*

Adjournment: 7:50pm

Next Meeting: July 11, 2016, 6:00pm (Municipal Bldg) *IF COA reviews are needed*

Upcoming Meetings:

August 8-for COA
reviews only

Sept 19 4:00-5:30pm
(note date and time)

Respectfully submitted

J. Brad Benson, recorder