

Historic and/or Architectural Advisory Board
City of Cortland
February 11, 2013

A regular meeting of the Historic District Commission was held on February 11, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall.

Present: Chair Linda Kline, Comm. Dan Dineen, Mary Ann Kane, Leslie Wineburg

Absent: Comm. Shawn Smith and Pam Abbott

New Board member has yet to be appointed to replace Vicky Delaney

Staff Present: Zoning Officer Bruce Weber, Deputy Chief William Knickerbocker

Item #1 - Tompkins Trust Bank - 36 Main Street - Discussion of facade

Chair Kline was asked by Kevin Poirot from P. W. Campbell Company to allow us to see an informal conceptual drawing of what they propose to do with the exterior façade of that building. The following is the description. No motion will be made today.

Chair Kline explained that the agenda today is an informal review of the Tompkins Trust façade change.

Kevin Poirot was present to speak, to inform the Board that the bank asked the P. W. Campbell Company to look into what it would take to change out the façade, to come up with some concepts and try to keep the costs in line. There are some limitations to the building. Mr. Poirot stated he had tried to obtain some structural drawings, but only got plumbing. He was of the impression the façade was just veneer, but it is 8 inch block with a space and then another set of 4 inch block. Some pieces on the sides can be removed without affecting the building structurally. Getting rid of those pieces will allow us to come back with some store front glass and open up the structure for some more visibility, in keeping with the store front glass you see going down the street. Next we will cover part of the façade with EIFS bringing it down flat and the wall straight out. The concrete columns below have a wood grain appearance due to the forming of the materials and we propose staining the concrete a different color, away from that gray, maybe a brownish type stain to make it look like wood. The entire top area will be wrapped in EIFS, with panels in order to give a little depth to it, similar to the drug store on Clinton Avenue. We will add a cornice up above, building that out to be more fitting with the other buildings downtown that have cornices of some type.

Chair Kline noted that when she looked at the windows on the Orchard Street, she was reminded of a garage stall the way they are and wondered if rather than the grids that

