

Historic and/or Architectural Advisory Board
City of Cortland
June 14, 2016

A regular meeting of the Historic and/or Architectural Review Board was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, at 37 Church St first floor Conference Room at 8:00 am.

Present: Chairman Linda Kline, Commissioners Dan Dineen, Chris Barnes, Richard Stock, Pam Abbott, Karina Murphy

Absent: Commissioner Mary Ann Kane

Staff Present: Confidential Secretary Devon Rainbow, Zoning Officer Bob Rhea, Administrative Aide Julie Gross

Minutes of May 10, 2016: a motion was made to approve the minutes as amended.

Motion by: Comm. Dineen

Seconded by: Comm. Stock

Approved: Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

Item #1 – 11-15 Main St. (McNeil) – Façade Changes

- Façade Renovations

Item #2 – 17-29 Main St. (McNeil) – Façade Changes

- Façade Renovations

Linda explained that 11-15 Main Street will have new cement board panels and trim. The existing stone, beams and columns will stay and be painted a brighter green color. New aluminum windows will replace the old ones. There will be gray painted above all the windows. The building is recessed. 17-29 Main Street the columns are repeated as in 11-15. There will be 3 new glass canopies over the 3 entryways into the building. They will come out 4ft. and will have black steel brackets holding them. 3 Signs will be placed over the entrances for each business. They will have floating letters with the color and font up to each owner (Edward Jones, Bridal Shop and McNeil & Co.). There will be a new entry into the building for the upper floors. It will replicate the old archway that used to be on the building many years ago. The entrance will be recessed but the building will not. The second, third and fourth floors upper part of the windows, façade, and capital will be painted with the same green color that is on the first floor. There may be some free standing flower pots next to the building for landscaping. There was talk about a directory on the sidelight next to the door.

The applicant stated that there will be lighting and color selection on the precast stone that they will come back to the committee with once they have a better idea and samples to share.

A motion was made to accept the application as presented with both color greens that were presented (Benjamin Moore - Martha's Vineyard or Boreal Forest AF-480), and the signage with the free floating letters for the 3 businesses presented. Floors 2-4 and the capital will follow the color scheme as the main floor. The glass canopies will be in black steel brackets. Additional signage and any lighting will come back to the board for approval.

Motion By: Comm. Dineen
Seconded BY: Comm. Murphy

Approved: Ayes – 5
 Nays – 0

David McNeil wanted to say thank you to the Historic Board for all the work they do. The downtown area looks the way it does because of the board. A special thank you to Linda for all the work she does on her presentations for the projects.

Item #3 – 3 Church St. (Lutz) – Demo

- Removal of Bell Tower

No one was present to speak about this application. ZEO explained that the applicant was concerned that the tower is unsafe. They do not have the funding to fix it and maintain it. They have a contractor that is willing to remove it.

The Commission would like to know if there are any other possibilities of fixing the tower. SHIPO may be able to help with some of the funding. If there was paint on it, it may help protect the wood from weathering.

A motion was made to table this item until the applicant can be present to answer any questions.

Motion By: Comm. Dineen
Seconded BY: Comm. Stock

Approved: Ayes – 5
 Nays – 0

Item #4 – 17 Tompkins St. (Griswold) – Landscaping

- Façade and Landscaping changes

This property has come in front of the board before but was never finished. The applicant would like to remove the side porch and stairs. They plan to replace the door with a double window. The concrete will be removed and grass will be planted in its place. The second part of the project is to replace the back porch roof. Currently it is flat and they would like to make it peaked. The stairs will be relocated and replaced with composite material in a gray finish. The spindles will be straight and not twisted.

The applicant would like to add the replacement of the front porch to match the back porch to the application with the permission of the Commissioners.

A motion was made to approve the application as presented and to include the replacement of the front porch to match the back.

Motion By: Comm. Stock
Seconded BY: Comm. Dineen

Approved: Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

New Business/Old Business:

77-79 Main Street still has 3 windows to replace. This place may be going under new management.

Bagel shop still has not put the approved color line on their sign. A violation was issued last spring. The last time they were asked about it, they stated they would get it put on.

45 Main Street, is under new ownership and the mailbox has been removed. The new owners will also be replacing/fixing the front doors.

The “Logo This” business sign is still up and needs to be removed. When a business is no longer, the sign is supposed to come down. One of the windows is broken and boarded up at the Downtown Partnership. This needs to be replaced.

Adjournment:

Motion by: Comm. Dineen
Seconded by: Comm. Murphy

Approved: Ayes – 5
Nays – 0

I, LINDA KLINE, CHAIRPERSON OF THE HISTORIC AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, NY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT SAID RESOLUTION(S) WERE ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE HISTORIC AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF THE CITY OF CORTLAND, NY, HELD ON THE 14th DAY OF JUNE, 2016.

LINDA KLINE, CHAIRPERSON