

**ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION**

**MINUTES FOR REGULAR**

**MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**Held at Historic Village Hall – 2 South Main Street – Algonquin**

**CALL TO ORDER – ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Present: Chairman Jolitz and Members Dombrowski, Donahue, Himes, Lewis, and Thompson.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2023 AND WORKSHOP MEETINGS OF JANUARY 21 AND 28, 2023**

Moved Member Donahue; Seconded Member Dombrowski.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Minutes Approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Hearing for Consideration of a Major Improvement in the Old Town District; Case No. HC-01-23, 114 N. Hubbard Street for construction of a deck. Applicants: Steve and Corin Nomikoudis.

**STAFF PRESENTATION**

Senior Planner Patrick Knapp presented the case on behalf of Village Staff. Steve and Corin Nomikoudis, the Petitioners and Owners of the Subject Property, applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness to expand their existing rear deck at 114 North Hubbard Street. An existing rear deck on their home faces west towards the Fox River, and they are proposing to modify this deck by expanding it around the north side of their home. They will also screen in a portion of the deck on the west side of the house and install a small built-in shed. The home on the Subject Property was constructed in 2001 and is not a historic home. However, the home did receive a Certificate of Appropriateness in 1999. All new materials for this project (roofing, siding, railings etc.) will coordinate with the existing home design and will not diminish the Old Town District or views from the Fox River.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted on the conditions that Petitioners shall obtain a building permit and comply with all applicable Village of Algonquin Building Code requirements, and that the deck be reviewed by the Building Commissioner as required.

## **PETITIONER'S COMMENTS**

No additional comments.

## **COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

Members clarified that the new deck will wrap around the house and that the deck and railing will both be constructed of Trex material. Members also clarified that the porch will be partially screened in, and that the roof addition will maintain the current roofline.

## **MOTION**

Motion by Member Lewis, seconded by Member Dombrowski, that the Building Commissioner issue the requested Certificate of Appropriateness for Case No. HC-01-23, 114 N. Hubbard Street for construction of a deck, subject to obtaining the required permit and compliance with applicable Building Code requirements. Chairman Jolitz asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the project. There being none, a Roll Call was taken. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Members discussed continuing efforts to post historic information and photos on the Commission's page on the Village website and the Village's Facebook and plans for upcoming postings, including a Lover's Lane presentation to be posted for Valentine's Day.

Member Thompson reported on continuing efforts to obtain potential grant funding for restoration of the Mineral Springs site through the grant application completed in coordination with the Algonquin Garden Club which has now been submitted to the DAR, a prior grant application to Landmarks Illinois which has since been rejected, and an upcoming additional grant application also to Landmarks Illinois due by April 1, 2023.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Members discussed the anticipated budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which will remain flat for the year, with funding for any special events to be drawn from non-Commission sources. The Commission's needed copy machine has been approved and will also be budgeted from another cost center. Members also discussed the need to repair the building's doorbell. Patrick Knapp will arrange for repair.

Members also discussed with Patrick Knapp the Village's current code enforcement efforts, caseload, and personnel.

Members also discussed upcoming spring workshop activities, recent new volunteers, and the feasibility of a potential Cemetery Walk event this fall, coordinated with Algonquin's annual Harvest Market held on Main Street on a Saturday in late September or early October. Members acknowledged that such an event would require substantial additional volunteers and organized transportation to the Cemetery, such as a trolley or similar vehicle. Suggestions included seeking performers from a local high school drama club or theatre group, and seeking costumes and other supplies from the Elgin Area Historical Society, which holds a similar event. The feasibility of such an event will be discussed at upcoming meetings and workshops.

**CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Jolitz relayed an inquiry from the Village for any historic information regarding James B. Wood in Algonquin.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Himes moved, and Member Lewis seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Secretary

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Date Approved