

**ALGONQUIN HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING**

October 9, 2024

7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER – ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

**APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2024,
AND WORKSHOP MEETINGS OF SEPTEMBER 21 AND 28, 2024**

Moved Member Jolitz; Seconded Member Himes.

Voice Vote: All Ayes. Minutes Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Members continued discussion of a potential new order for historic identification signs for homes/buildings in the Old Town District. Christie Gabriel (founder of allinalgonquin.com and gaslightterracenorth.com and one of the Commission's dedicated volunteers) attended the meeting out of interest on this subject, and explained that she has compiled a list of homes in Algonquin's Old Town District built in 1929 or earlier, for the purpose of notifying owners of the opportunity to purchase a historic identification sign for such homes, including information needed to contact remote owners. Members and Ms. Gabriel also discussed possible means of notifying owners of all homes/buildings built during the relevant period that may need a sign or replacement sign. Ms. Gabriel will attend a future workshop to discuss further feasible means of notifying local and remote owners.

Members continued discussion of efforts to recruit new student and/or other Commission volunteers/members and some potential candidates who may be available and interested. Chairman Lewis reported on his efforts to send information to local high schools seeking information about students who may be interested in volunteering. Members Jolitz and Teuber also reported on interest expressed recently by other potential volunteers/members.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Members discussed themes for potential new Commission exhibits for the Harnish Library and Main Village Hall display cases, including potential themes for upcoming winter

holidays such as Algonquin’s resident toymaker and/or local winter activities in Algonquin’s history (e.g., ice harvesting, sledding, etc.).

Members discussed plans to modify and improve storage of the Commission’s historic postcard and photo archives, including needed new storage containers and a possible new filing system. Members are particularly concerned about valuable documents/photographs/postcards that might be damaged by water, sprinklers, flooding, etc. Chairman Lewis suggested possibly obtaining larger containers in which current files could be placed and sealed to solve such water exposure problems.

Members discussed potential projects for new volunteers, including possibly assisting with establishing a new filing system for the Commission’s historic postcard and photo archives as noted above. Members Donahue and Teuber are also maintaining a list of other potential projects for new volunteers.

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Lewis relayed a very appreciative letter to the Commission from Village Board President Debby Sosine expressing thanks for the Commission’s exceptional display of historic items curated for the its Open House event during the Art on the Fox weekend. President Sosine noted particularly the impressive collection of historic treasures amassed by the Commission, and commended its willingness to display them during a very successful Open House event.

Member Thompson updated Commission Members on the placement of signs and landscaping underway at the renovated historic Mineral Spring site, and options for new sign posts.

Members were reminded of Commission Workshops on October 19 and 26, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Donahue moved, and Member Jolitz seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Secretary

Date Approved