

The City of Auburn
Historic Resources Review Board
c/o Office of Planning and Economic Development
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Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2013

7:00pm

Present: Michael Deming, Paul McDonald, Ed Onori, Jim Hutchinson, Betty Lewis, Richard Stankus

Absent: David Thurston

Staff Present: Christina Selvek

Meeting opened by Chair, Michael Deming.

Board discussion of the August 13th meeting and the concern that a legal counsel was not present. Board members request that a legal representative be provided if a particular application or situation arises.

Paul McDonald refers to August's meeting minutes and stated that the Chair of the Board should be the last to vote. Board members agree.

Motion to approve minutes of August 13, 2013 meeting made by Paul McDonald, Seconded by Ed Onori. All members vote approval. Motion carried.

Certificates of Appropriateness

1. Dr. and Mrs. Paul Koenig- 67 South Street

Application to rehabilitate the entire residence and carriage house at 67 South Street (Former Warden House) and alterations to existing site plan. Proposed rehabilitation project has been approved by NYSHPO.

Christina Selvek introduces application and applicant Elizabeth Koenig. Property has a preservation covenant on it and therefore communication is directly through the State Historic Preservation Office. Although it is not required for Elizabeth to do a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Historic Resources Review Board, it is good practice.

Work that is being done to the property is exterior.

Jim Hutchinson- Our rules and regulations cannot supersede?

Christina Selvek- This board can make recommendations to the State. Historic Resources Review Board uses the same guidelines as the State.

Elizabeth Koenig- I wanted the approval of the Historic Resources Review Board of Auburn. It means a lot to us to have your approval.

Elizabeth introduces the project. Bill Clark was hired to replace exterior soffit. We are replacing what was there, White Oak. We are priming it (three times) ourselves. Elizabeth presents examples to Board members.

A sheet metal architect was hired to fix the gutters because the copper was so bad. Replacing this was very expensive but it has all been enhanced, fixed and restored to what it was.

The Carriage house is fixed. It had water damage and required hiring a horticultural architect to terrace the land by the carriage house. There will be grass and hardscape next to the house. There will not be a cistern; instead we want to pull water away from the house.

On the interior we have replaced all electric and plumbing. Walls have not been removed.

Chair asks for Board questions or comments.

Paul McDonald questions the proposed front driveway.

Elizabeth Koenig- The front driveway is where people enter. Visitors will enter through the front door, get the key, drive around back, park in the rear of the house and then enter in the side door. The front entrance is made to be an entry point. There is and always has been an office there. Entering in the back is not the way to go.

Christina Selvek questions the proposed material to be used for the driveway and states that the Board recognizes this to be a new feature to the house. New features need to blend, but different materials can be used. In this case asphalt would be fine.

Paul McDonald suggests red brick pavers.

Elizabeth Koenig mentions that new brick will be used under the portico.

Jim Hutchinson- Winter plowing the driveway is going to be difficult.

Elizabeth Koenig- A snow blower will be the way to go and discusses snow storage with the board.

Jim Hutchinson- A 12' curb cut (looking at proposed driveway drawing) for a driveway entrance is not wide enough. How about widening that to a 14' curb cut?

Richard Stankus suggests widening both entrance and exit drives.

Christina Selvek mentioned that will be done during the South Street repaving project. She will discuss with engineering and look at putting it in the scope of work for the South Street repaving project.

Ed Onori questions the proposed driveway's flow pattern.

Elizabeth Koenig- It will be one way and flow to the back of the house.

Ed Onori suggests straightening and widening the north side of the proposed loop to better connect to the existing blacktop driveway.

Jim Hutchinson questions if there is going to be landscaping in front of the circular driveway and also suggests snowplowing the circular portion of the driveway but plowing the long existing driveway.

Paul McDonald asks if this will be a Bed and Breakfast.

Elizabeth Koenig- We hope it to be.

Motion to authorize staff to correspond with the New York State Historic Preservation Office to recommend changes to the site plan including the proposed loop driveway's turning radii made by Richard Stankus and seconded by Ed Onori. All members vote approval. Motion Carried.

Other Matters:

Christina Selvek- Cayuga Museum is working with SHPO on the roof and gutter system. SHPO did comment and approve the project. Environmental Protection Fund money was used on the Case Research Laboratory and therefore there is a nine year covenant on the property.

Michael Deming questions if there are any future plans for the Case Mansion, 108 South Street.

Christina Selvek- The Church wants to retain the property.

Motion to adjourn made by Jim Hutchinson and seconded by Paul McDonald. Motion carried.

Next meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, November 12, 2013** at 7:00 P.M. at Memorial City Hall- Council Caucus room.