

**The City of Auburn**  
**Historic Resources Review Board**  
*c/o Office of Planning and Economic Development*  
*Memorial City Hall - 24 South Street*  
*Auburn, New York 13021*  
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**Meeting Minutes**

April 14, 2015 7:00pm

Amended 7/15/15

Present: Michael Deming, Ed Onori, Linda Frank, Paul McDonald, Jim Hutchinson

Absent: Betty Mae Lewis, and Richard Stankus. Mr. Stankus was unaware that a meeting was held for Historic Resources Review Board on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Staff Present: Christina Selvek

Meeting opened by Chair Michael Deming.

Motion to approve meeting minutes of November 18, 2014 made by Jim Hutchinson, seconded by Paul McDonald. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Chair opens Public to be Heard. There being none, chair closes Public to be Heard.

**Certificates of Appropriateness**

Christina Selvek introduces the Certificate of Appropriateness application. Applicant is not present.

**126 South Street- Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Krystofik**

Application proposes to remove the existing asphalt shingles and any deteriorated roof decking. New 7/16" exterior grade roof decking will be installed over existing roof underlayment. The flashing will be repaired as needed. New CertainTeed Landmark Plus series architectural style asphalt shingles will be installed in the same color, black. This is for the same property that we did a C of A approval for a porch in July 2014. I am not aware that there are any interior leaking problems from the roof but it appears that they are having problems from the exterior porch.

Chair asks for Board comments or questions.

Board members agree that the materials used for the roof work are standard. Flashing and shingle material are all fine.

Christina Selvek mentions that the Board can request the use of metal flashing if it is needed.

Jim Hutchinson- The overlap works fine.

Ed Onori mentioned that there is only be one layer of shingles on the roof and that will be torn off. Flashing will be matched to what was there, however it is hard to tell what that is until they begin work because it is concealed.

Jim Hutchinson asks the progress of the applicant's porch work.

Christina Selvek- Explains after Board approval of the porch work the applicant worked with the Planning Department Staff on a Home Repair Assistance Loan. Homsite is contracted to deliver the program and therefore met with the homeowner and created BID specs while Beardsley

Design complete design specs. Competitive BIDs were received however no permits have been pulled. The applicant did not proceed with the Home Repair Assistance program so at this point it is between the Codes Department and the applicant.

Ed Onori received a call from the home owner asking for the drawings to be stamped so they may be proceeding this spring with porch work.

Christina Selvek- The porch has been a problem for years. An application for porch work on the residence was received in 2008 or 2009 but the structural problems may have been too much for the homeowner at the time.

Motion to accept the application as presented made by Paul McDonald, seconded by Jim Hutchinson. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

### **Other Matters:**

#### **a. 2015 National Historic Preservation Month**

In tradition May has been recognized by this Board to be National Historic Preservation month. Christina Selvek explains that this year the National Park Service and Historic Trust are celebrating 50 years of preservation, in November to kick off a yearlong celebration. Would Board members like to wait and follow the lead of the Preservation Office or move forward with recognition of residence and businesses for Historic Preservation month?

Chair Michael Deming proposed to move forward and recognize residents and businesses this summer and if something comes up in November another recognition or event can take place.

Jim Hutchinson agrees and proposes a larger event for next summer.

Last year we recognized the Phoenix building, Walt Aikman for landscape preservation, St. Alphonsus Church and the Orchard Street project.

Board members recommend the following for 2015 historic preservation recognition:

Dulles House, Empower Federal Credit Union and 102 South Street. Another recommendation was 39 Williams Street, One Source Financial.

Christina Selvek will be in contact with home and business owners.

#### **b. Harriet Tubman National Historical Park**

Christina Selvek and City Clerk Chuck Mason update Board members on the Harriet Tubman National Historic Park.

This Board was initially involved with the legislation and promoting the property as a park to the National Park Service. Tonight I wanted to give an update.

A map of the Harriet Tubman property that the National Park Service is planning on taking has been approved. At this point once the Park Service decides on how much of the property they are going to own or lease than funding can move forward and the visitor's center and establishing the park can take place. This process can take several years and with regards to the funding, the community matches the 50% of the park costs.

Linda Frank questions what property is being designated.

Christina Selvek points out that some of the property will be in The City of Auburn and the Town of Fleming. The house is in the City of Auburn and the barn and other structures are located in

the Town of Fleming. We are also trying to include the property with the church on it across the street.

Linda Frank questions if the grave site is going to be included.

Chuck Mason stated that the grave site is within the legislation but is not listed on the map.

### **c. Board Terms**

Christina Selvek mentions that 4 Board member terms are expiring. If Board members are interested in serving another three year term to let her or the Mayor know. Board members that are eligible for a renewal in May include Betty Mae Lewis, Paul McDonald, Richard Stankus and Ed Onori.

Chair Michael Deming questions 10 Genesee Street the former Auburn Floors building.

Christina Selvek states that the developer received grant money and is currently communicating with SHPO regarding materials that are to be used on the rear wall of the building.

Board members question the status of the building on the corner of Hamilton and South Street, 88 South Street.

Christina Selvek will check with the treasures office regarding foreclosure status or recent sale.

Jim Hutchinson has concerns with activity on 70 South Street. Work in the backyard is taking place. There are many concrete blocks in the backyard and work has been done without a permit. Also 7 Elizabeth Street has a barn that is a health and safety issue to the neighborhood.

Christina Selvek will be checking with City Codes Department on the properties.

Chair Michael Deming asks about the status of the Osborne Library.

Christina Selvek- C of A approvals are valid for 6 months. No permit has been pulled for the Osborne Library. If the delay has been weather related I can extend the permit for another 6 months.

Chuck Mason invites Board members to City Hall's Open House on May 1, 2015 to celebrate 85 years of the building's dedication to be City Hall. It will be part of the First Friday Celebration and tours will be given.

Next meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, May 12, 2015** at 7:00 pm at Memorial City Hall- Council Chambers.

Motion to adjourn made by Paul McDonald. Seconded by Ed Onori. Meeting adjourned.

*Recorded and amended by Renee Jensen*