

The City of Auburn
Historic Resources Review Board
c/o Office of Planning and Economic Development
Memorial City Hall - 24 South Street
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Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2016 7:00pm

Present: Michael Deming, Ed Onori, Jim Hutchinson, Andrew Roblee, Richard Stankus, Linda Frank

Excused: Paul McDonald

Staff Present: Christina Selvek

Meeting opened by Chair Michael Deming.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Secretary of the Board, Renee Jensen, requests to amend page 4 of the April 12, 2016 meeting minutes. Under Other Matters, part b, second paragraph, add the following: Section 178 regarding Grover Street. Also under other matters, part c, first paragraph, correction of the spelling of Fort Stanwix.

Chair asks if there are any objections to the amendments to the minutes. There are no objections.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 12, 2016 made by Andrew Roblee, seconded by Ed Onori. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Chair opens the Public to be Heard portion of the meeting. There being none the Chair closes Public to be Heard.

Certificates of Appropriateness

64 South Street- R.G. Wright Insurance Agency Inc.

Christina Selvek introduces the application which proposes to install two new business signs at the property. One sign approximately 24" x 80" will be installed in the upper right hand corner of the carriage barn at Beardsley Design, facing Logan Street. A single light will be facing downward on the carriage barn sign. The second sign will be installed as part of the existing Beardsley Design business sign on South Street.

Andrew Tehan, 31 Hurd Circle and President of R.G. Wright Insurance Agency: on June 1st we will be relocating our offices from the Town of Aurelius to the City of Auburn at 64 South Street, Suite A. We would like to place signage at the new location which includes one facing Logan Street on the Carriage Barn at the dimensions of 24" x 80" and the sign under the existing Beardsley sign located on South Street will be approximately 14" high and the same width as the existing Beardsley sign. The sign has been redesigned on the basis of R.G. Wright's regulations and the need to follow the same design and logo as used on insurance license which is R.G. Wright Agency Inc. Amended pictures provided to Board members at the meeting.

Richard Stankus asks if illuminating the sign on the carriage barn is necessary and asks if the sign could be more conforming to the Historic District.

Andy Tehan replies that the second sign is desired because they would like to welcome people to the parking lot and have them enter the carriage barn entrance rather than Beardsley's entrance. Illumination for the sign is not absolutely necessary.

Board members feel that the sign on the carriage barn is too commercial looking and requests a more historical looking sign. Sign size and location of the sign is fine and the single down light over the sign is fine as well.

The sign in the front is fine and fits with the existing Beardsley sign.

Motion to accept the front sign as presented made by Jim Hutchinson, seconded by Richard Stankus. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to amend the second sign located toward Logan Street and to work with staff on the carriage barn facing Logan Street to a more historic design made by Richard Stankus, seconded by Linda Frank. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Other Matters:

a. 23 Market Street and 46 North Street Properties

Staff reports that communication (memo) to the City manager regarding the request for local landmark status of this property has been sent. However, the City Manager has resigned and we are currently in transitions with that position. Recommendation is to continue moving forward when a new City manager is in place.

Board requests to renew the memo and read into the record at the May 26th City Council meeting.

Christina Selvek mentions the 1st reading for 67 South Street will take place on May 19th and the historic preservation month proclamation will take place on the May 26th City Council meeting. The Mayor will be doing recognition for the Dulles House on the 26th as well.

b. NYS OPRHP Model Landmark Preservation Local Law for Municipalities HRRB and Staff will review the 2014 Model Law-

Christina Selvek asks Board members if they are interested in updating the local law to incorporate the some of the State's language. Andrew Roblee mentions that Section 2c of the State law has importance and should be looked at. Andrew also mentions that the criterion for designation in our local law is a little clearer and more specific than the State's.

Christina mentions the process would include the Board making recommendations to City Council and City Council would adopt those changes if they agree. Therefore Christina suggests holding a workshop with City Council to discuss any changes to the ordinance. There would be a 1st reading at one of Council's work sessions and then the adoption would take place at a Council business session.

Christina mentions the New York State Preservation Office staff will be visiting with City of Auburn CLG staff to discuss two properties in the City of Auburn including Schines Theater and Wall Street Church.

c. Planning for 25th Anniversary Celebration of South Street Historic District

The date of the celebration is Friday June 3rd. and a mailer is being sent this week. The Mayor will do a preservation proclamation that evening and will also recognize the Community Preservation Committee. Christina circulates the mailer for Board members to view.

The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 7pm. Motion to adjourn made by Jim Hutchinson, seconded by Richard Stankus. Meeting adjourned.