

MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2011, MEETING
EASTPORT HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD

Present: Board members Jean Schild, Edward French and Tom Ries; CEO Robert Scott; Diane Parsloe and Patricia and Morgan Lindau

The board approved the minutes of the September 29, 2010, meeting.

Diane Parsloe outlined plans for a sign at a new bakery at 75 Water St. The oval, 44"x25", wooden sign would be in earth tones and hang over the sidewalk on an existing arm, so it would be sufficiently above any pedestrians. Vinyl stickers would be used for the lettering, and more muted colors for the vinyl were favored. The board unanimously approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for the sign.

Morgan and Patricia Lindau presented renovation plans for the building at 75 Water St. An outside vent would be located on the north side of the building against the brick wall. Future developments plans preclude using the back of the building. The vent can be covered with shakes painted a brick color, but that would need two layers of fire suppressant. A cover for two sides would not involve fire code issues. Spray painting the vent in a muted color might be possible.

A boardwalk between the building and seawall walkway needs to be replaced. A teak-style of wood will last longer.

Their insurance company is requiring an egress ladder on the east side of the building, between 73 and 75 Water St. The ladder was custom-made and matches the window trim.

Victorian-style mahogany screen doors, with glass during the winter, will be installed. Front and side windows on the building will keep the curved top. Anderson storm-watch windows will be used on the east side and are like the ones already installed. The top-story windows will be double-hung, like the ones currently in place, and the basement will have double-hung windows. Two commercial doors will also be placed on the east side. Maibec genuine wood shingle siding that is treated for consistent graying will be used on the front dormers.

The board approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for the fire escape, the vent (with muting or screening to be added), the boardwalk, the windows, the siding, the screen doors, the refinishing of the front woodwork, the dormers, with a composite or natural wood siding, and two commercial doors in back.

Concerning a proposal for flower boxes downtown, the board referred Patricia Lindau to Sue Goodwin and the Eastport Garden Club. The hanging of flower pots from the lampposts will require city council approval. The board would issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for hanging flower pots and flower boxes, but city council approval will be needed.

The board considered a proposal for replacement of the front windows at 103 Water St. in the Leavitt Block with double-pane windows with a vertical mullion, creating two separate panes. Board members felt that the pane design would be inappropriate for that block, since none of the other windows have that pane arrangement. The board denied the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness and recommended that the windows be replaced with a single pane.

The board approved a motion to have board member Tom Ries bring up to the city council concerns about the possible effect of frost on the new stone work at Overlook Park.

A proposal to possibly tear down the former VFW hall was noted, although it is not in the Local Historic District.