

EASTPORT HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES of JANUARY 16, 2014, MEETING

Present: board members Jean Schild, Tom Ries, Edward French, Jack Reece and Wayne Wilcox; CEO Robert Scott; Jerry Morrison and six community members.

The minutes of the June 5, 2013, meeting were accepted.

Review of plans to refurbish the pier and quonset hut on the walkway. The property is not in the historic district zone but will have a visual impact. No certificate of appropriateness is being sought. The board, though, can make suggestions.

Jerry Morrison explained that to prevent erosion he will bring in pink granite. The new building will be smaller than the quonset hut (10'x14' upstairs) and will be 20 feet high. It will be made of metal, with a flat roof. The extra height is needed to see Head Harbour Passage for weather conditions. The building will be a 30% increase in the volume. Jerry prefers metal to wood, although wood would blend in better. The color will be brick red. The flat roof will be OK because the metal is very strong and it is only an 18-foot span. Jerry has a 30-foot right-of-way. No more vehicle traffic is expected than now. His car will be parked there about 25 times a year. Access to the top floor will be inside, with a ladder on the outside.

A letter from Sarah Talbot was read with concerns about the aesthetic effect the new structure will have on the space.

A sign like "Pilot House" on a flag will help identify what the building is to the public. Both floors will have windows and doors. None on the water side.

Views from the apartments upstairs in the former Rinaldi buildings will not be affected by the second story, but it will affect the store-level views. The request was made for a one story building with more floor space. Jerry feels one story does not work for his pilothouse needs. No external lighting is planned.

The board approved the following motion: "We find that the proposed building is a fit for the downtown at this time." Jerry will provide a schematic and color scheme and possible sign design to the board.