

Eastport Historic Review Board

Thursday, 18th January 2018

*Members present:* Edward French, Wayne Wilcox, Tom Ries, Catherine Lee

*Members absent:* Jean Schild

*Others present:* Robert Scott (Code Enforcement), Linda Godfrey (The Commons)

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm at City Hall.

The following officers were elected for 2018:

chairperson, Edward French (nominated by Lee, second by Wilcox, unanimous)

secretary, Catherine Lee (nominated by Wilcox, second by Ries, unanimous).

The Tides Institute and Museum of Art (TIMA) has requested inclusion of their StudioWorks building at 48 Water Street in the local historic district. The building has been on Eastport's national register since 1982. Inclusion will make 33 buildings altogether in the local district.

Motion: Recommend inclusion of 48 Water Street in the local historic district and forward that recommendation to the municipal planning board. Motion by Ries, second by Wilcox, unanimously approved.

An amendment to the proposal and certificate of appropriateness for the E.E. Shead building at 58 Water Street has been requested. The original proposal included restoration of the original consoles at each side on the facade. The owners propose not attempting to restore these now.

Motion: Due to some confusion among the drawings, table the proposed amendment until clarification is available. Motion by Wilcox, second by Ries, unanimously approved.

Linda Godfrey provided an update on the American Can Company building. The board asked for assurance of the maintenance of structural integrity as referenced in the zoning ordinance. According to the project's engineers, the building is standing strong and water damage is only to parts that had been planned to be removed anyway. Two of the southeast pillars need attention and will be wrapped, and stabilization to the walls will begin in April or May. The engineers are confident that it's okay to wait until spring. Work on the roof, windows, and interior will follow. Current plans for the building include a hotel and retail space on the first floor, apartments on the second, and more hotel rooms on the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Catherine J.S. Lee

Secretary