



## HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW BOARD

Regular Meeting  
Town Hall  
January 21, 2014  
6:00 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m. Chairman David Gay, having established a quorum, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Historic District Review Board. In addition to David Gay, present were John Caton, Joe Fehrer, Sandra Salopek and Terry Strub. Also in attendance were Town Planner Rob Testerman and Assistant Town Clerk Amanda Hurley.

The Board observed a moment of silence which was followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

**Motion made by Joe Fehrer, seconded by Terry Strub, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.**

The Historic District Review Board reviewed the minutes of the November 19, 2013 Regular Meeting.

**Motion made by Terry Strub, seconded by John Caton, to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2013 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.**

### NEW BUSINESS:

A. *207 Mason Avenue – Door replacement*

Rob Testerman explained that the applicant was proposing to replace the single door with a double door entryway. Previously, second and third floor additions were approved by the Planning Commission and Historic District Review Board (HDRB). Rob Testerman noted that this property was the proposed yogurt bar.

Terry Strub commented that for the purpose, double doors made more sense for the storefront.

**Motion made by Sandra Salopek, seconded by Terry Strub, to approve the application for 207 Mason Avenue as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.**

B. *500 Tazewell Avenue – Handicap ramp & stairs*

Rob Testerman noted that this property was the former Library building and it was proposed to be a meeting place for Town Boards and Commissions. A handicap ramp and entryway was proposed to be installed on the east side of the building to make the building ADA compliant.

There was much discussion on the location and specifications of the ramp.

The Town had opted for Option A of the two drawings and the HDRB questioned the decision for clarification. The Board agreed that aesthetically Option B was ideal, especially for the neighbor. There was much discussion as to why Option A was preferred over Option B.

**Motion made by Joe Fehrer, seconded by Sandra Salopek, to approve the application for 500 Tazewell Avenue for a handicap ramp to be constructed using Option B unless the Director of Public Works/Utilities clearly stated in writing why Option A was preferred. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Rob Testerman received a letter from the owners of 621 Jefferson Avenue who stated that they had explored options, but decided that they did not want to construct the chimney that the HDRB approved previously and were asking for reconsideration. In the letter, the owners pointed out that the adjacent homes with chimneys had not been renovated and the majority of the homes on the street did not have chimneys.

Joe Fehrer pointed out that a non-functional chimney could become a liability.

The applicants only had 30 days to appeal from the date the Certificate of Appropriateness was issued. The Board agreed that the applicants could reapply and pay another \$50 fee.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The Board had not been receiving emails from The National Alliance for Historic Preservation Commission so Rob Testerman would be checking on that to get the Board members set up since he had been receiving the Alliance emails. Hard copies of the subscriptions had not yet been mailed to the Town Hall.

**Motion made by Joe Fehrer, seconded by Terry Strub, to adjourn the Historic District Review Board Regular Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.**

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Chairman David Gay

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Asst. Town Clerk