

**Village of Kinderhook**  
**Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting on July 20, 2017**

**Present:** Ken Neilson - Chairperson, Ruth Piwonka, Rodrick Blackburn, Timothy Husband, Randal Dawkins, James Dunham - Village Mayor Liaison

**Absent:** -

**Others Present:** Meghan Brennan, Bruce Charbonneau, Dave Flaherty, AnnaLee Giraldo

K. Neilson brought the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**Workshops:** **6 Chatham St/Village of Kinderhook - Cupola/James Dunham, Mayor**  
J. Dunham and D. Flaherty returned to the HPC after last week's Special Meeting to inform the Commission of their decision to repair/rebuild the cupola as it exists. Replacing in kind using mahogany, no screening and no louvers at this time.

**6 Chatham St/Village of Kinderhook - Village Hall Sign/James Dunham, Mayor**  
The second floor of the Kinderhook Village Hall has been named "Van Buren Hall" and a sign above the entrance door will be needed. An application will be completed and presented to the HPC for approval at next month's meeting of the HPC.

**Minutes:** Motion made to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 15, 2017.  
Moved: R. Dawkins; Second: T. Husband. Motion carried.

**Funds Available:** \$2,311.16

**Correspondence:** (Press Release: 7/21/17) Legislation passed, Senate Bill S.1125, amending the State Executive Law designating the Kinderhook Creek as part of the inland waterway system. This designation will allow municipalities to apply for grants through the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. J. Dunham plans to have a study completed to improve access for kayaks, fishing, recreational activities, etc. from the area of the dam in Valatie to Stuyvesant Falls.

**New Business:** **18 Hudson St/Kinderhook Memorial Library Expansion/AnnaLee Giraldo**  
(Previously discussed during a "workshop" at the June 15, 2017 meeting of the HPC: Meghan Brennan from Butler Rowland Mays Architect, LLP

presented the site plans, elevations, and preliminary conceptual rendering of the Kinderhook Memorial Library and the proposed library expansion (3,557 sf) at the rear of the property. The proposed expansion has been scaled down, meets all set backs, no variances needed, and has been presented to and approved by the Kinderhook Village Planning and Zoning Board.

The proposed expansion materials to be used will be the same as those used and approved for the 2015 Reading Room expansion: windows (Marvin double hung, true divided light, 12 over 12, wood window, exterior aluminum clad, white in color). Exterior siding and trim will be Hardie board, smooth side out. A Hardie board shake with less defined “wood grain” will also be used along with brick to match existing/original building. In addition, asphalt shingles will be on the roof, matching those installed on the front building approximately 6 years ago. James Romanchuck & Sons, Inc. will be the contractor for the proposed expansion as he was the contractor for the Reading Room.)

In addition to the details presented in last month’s workshop, the arch on the gable ends of the addition were discussed along with the shakes on the gables. R. Dawkins thought the arch gave the structure a victorian look and felt it was not suited for a gable end and for this structure. R. Blackburn and K. Neilson were also in agreement and K. Neilson suggested clapboard with a wider exposure be used rather than the shakes on the gables. The suggestion was made to place the arch over the side door entrance rather than the gable end, which will then tie in the main entrance design. M. Brennan will check the available space above the side door entrance in relationship to the design.

All trims to be white and replicate the trims used on the Reading Room addition. R. Dawkins requested the columns be plain with no interior panel, molding on top and bottom of column only, matching the columns between the windows on the Reading Room.

Brick to match the original structure, same size and color as possible, will be used below the gable on the east-side, west-side, and side entrance area and same brick will be used on the south side of the building. R. Dawkins requested a brick motif above the windows on the east and west sides, angled the same as the brick on the front of the building above the windows. (Sample brick shown to the HPC.)

Side entrance door will be very similar to the front entrance door. Front entrance will remain the Library’s main entrance and door swing will be changed to open “out” rather than “in”. Doors on the south side will remain locked and used only for delivery or event purposes. Brackets used above the doors on the south side will match existing profile. Auto operators will be on all doors.

Ramp will be poured concrete, sloping to the existing Village sidewalk and the retaining wall will be brick. R. Piwonka was not in favor of the concrete walk and would like to see a “softer” material used, possibly brick like the sidewalk to the front entrance or possibly blacktop. Discussion resulted and the poured concrete was decided to be the choice material for this project.

Pavers from the fundraiser will be used for the back patio and will be set in sand. Landscaping, trees and shrubs, will be completed by the Kinderhook Garden Club with the assistance of volunteers.

Updated drawings will be given to G. Smith, Code Enforcement Officer for code review and the Library hopes to be able to break ground this September.

Motion made for a “conditional approval” for the Kinderhook Memorial Library expansion based upon the following changes as discussed and updated drawings to reflect changes by July 27, 2017 to the HPC and as specified in the application meeting criteria under Chapter 75-7B (3, 4) and 75-7C (1, 2, 3, 4). Motion: R. Dawkins; Second: T. Husband. Motion carried.

- Use of shakes be changed to clapboard with a wider exposure than used on the connector from the original structure to the back addition
- Deletion of the arch element
- Change of panel column to flat to match Reading Room addition
- Incorporating brick lentil above street view windows east and west sides
- Change of door on drawing to James Romanchuck’s drawing
- Resubmission of drawings with the corrected language designated for the “east elevation” and “west elevation”

A \$10 application fee was received from the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

**Old Business:**

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**Procedures:**

None

Next meeting of the HPC - August 17, 2017

Motion made to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

Moved: K. Neilson; Second: R. Dawkins. Motion carried.

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Jacqueline Bujanow, Secretary  
Historic Preservation Commission