

Village of Kinderhook
Historic Preservation Commission
Special Meeting on July 13, 2017

Present: Ken Neilson - Chairperson, Ruth Piwonka, Roderic Blackburn, Timothy Husband, James Dunham - Village Mayor Liaison

Absent: -

Others Present: Dave Flaherty - Village Trustee

K. Neilson brought the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

6 Chatham St/Village of Kinderhook - Cupola/James Dunham, Mayor

(Previously discussed during a "workshop" at the June 15, 2017 meeting of the HPC.)

J. Dunham and D. Flaherty presented the HPC with an application for repair/rebuild of the Village Hall Cupola. The size, design, and materials will be unchanged from existing. K. Neilson was concerned with the drawing not indicating drainage. Weep holes should be on the downside of the roof.

D. Flaherty stated that there is space for drainage but the problem of debris prevents the drainage from occurring. Currently there is some chicken wire on the sides, a tighter screening would prevent the buildup of debris, however drainage is still necessary. Since the basic structure remains the same, the cupola is a repair/rebuild, no need for HPC approval.

However, the issue remains regarding screening or louvers: R. Blackburn sent the Mayor and Marilyn Kaplan examples of other cupola enclosures, most having their original or earlier louvers. He also stated that louvers provide a way of having sound come out, air flow, and prevents interior moisture.

R. Dawkins expressed the attractiveness of louvers. K. Neilson was concerned about the massiveness of the structure with louvers, without seeing through it as it is now, it will appear more solid, boxlike. R. Piwonka suggested looking at the "Italianate" style with tall, narrow louvers, and a door access and with the recommendation that the work be done now. Cypress or mahogany wood was recommended by R. Blackburn. D. Flaherty stated that if screening would be used, a bronze color would be an option with 3 sides being fixed and the back panel easily removable for access to the siren.

K. Neilson thought the stainless steel welded frame per drawing was unnecessary and with the structure being wood, framing could be wood and not stainless steel. R. Dawkins suggested a composite louver that would be

historically accurate and would avoid future replacement, it would present as painted wood. A cost analysis was suggested for the whole cupola to be made out of composite versus the mahogany. R. Dawkins to forward the name of a company that makes composite louvers. If composite material is used for this project, it would have to be approved by the HPC. J. Dunham will also ask Marilyn Kaplan about the cost of cypress vs mahogany.

Time and cost: with \$70,000 remaining from the bond issue, completion date has to be by the 1st of October. J. Dunham received an estimate for \$25,000 for repair/rebuild per application submitted to the HPC. If less than \$35,000, a formal bidding process is not needed. If louvers brings the price above \$35,000, the bid would have to be advertised. If a bid is needed, J. Dunham would like bids opened by the 8th of August, contract startup around the 15th of August, and with completion by the 1st of October, approximately 6 weeks. HPC recommended to go ahead with the basic structure, which the HPC does not have to approve and return to the HPC when screening/louvers are decided upon. HPC's "regular" meeting is next week and will then meet again in August.

A maintenance program was also recommended to check building/structure periodically.

Motion made to adjourn at 7:21 pm.

Moved: K. Neilson; Second: T. Husband. Motion carried.

Jacqueline Bujanow, Secretary
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