

Village of Kinderhook
Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting - February 17, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Present: Tim Husband - Chair, Ken Neilson - Vice Chair, Elizabeth Martin, Sean Sawyer

Absent: Randal Dawkins

Others Present: Mike Abrams - Liaison, Kinderhook Village Board, Peter Bujanow - Code Enforcement Officer, Dave Flaherty - Village Trustee, Brian Murphy, Audrey Peckner, Renee Shur

7:08 pm

Workshops: Village Trustee, Dave Flaherty presented proposed plans prepared by Gregory Way Merryweather: Architect LLC for renovations to the bandstand and installation of an ADA compliant unisex bathroom (3 season use) on the east side of the bandstand. Several scenarios were initially discussed and discounted due to location constraints, with the plans presented at this workshop being the best fit. An electric lift is included in the design meeting ADA compliance. The existing entrance gate, which opens in, to the apartment east of the bandstand would also be incorporated in the overall design for a unified streetscape appearance. The architect included a bench in front of the bathroom area which some Commission members were opposed to. The entrance door design into the bathroom was discussed with concern of its opening out to the sidewalk. It was agreed that perhaps a sliding door would be a better fit and would allow for a flush outside appearance rather than the recessed area currently in the proposed plan. It was suggested that the architect complete a sliding door rendering for review including with and without the bench. Maintenance/cleaning of the bathroom facility will need to be determined.

D. Flaherty stated that due to project cost, in order for this project to move forward, a grant would be needed. Approximately 6 years ago, an engineer estimated \$95,000 for repair only to the bandstand. D. Flaherty to reach back out to the Architect and will bring forward to the HPC the new plans when available.

T. Husband brought the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Minutes: Motion made to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2021 pending review by the Village Attorney. (Village Attorney has reviewed.)
Moved: E. Martin; Second: T. Husband. Motion carried.

Funds Remaining: \$532.14

Correspondence: From Renee Shur re: Bandstand - R. Shur contacted Daniel Mackay, Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation - NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, regarding the possibility of the bandstand qualifying as a “contributing building” as part of the Kinderhook’s designation on the National Register of Historic Places. T. Husband indicated amending the nomination would be a sizable undertaking and would need the Mayor and Trustees decision to move forward. R. Shur suggested a member of the HPC along with the Village Board have a discussion with NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to clarify the advantage of this undertaking, including assistance and possibly a grant. E. Martin referenced the CLG (Certified Local Government) grants and offered to speak with Mr. Mackay. S. Sawyer offered his assistance in the process. R. Shur had forwarded the history of the bandstand as compiled by Ruth Piwonka, Village Historian in 2019 as she investigated its potential link to its use for military purposes and finding none other than its use for music playing bands only. R. Shur stated that although the bandstand would not qualify for a historic preservation grant, pre-1900 since the bandstand is dated 1910, according to NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, however, it may qualify for a parks grant as long as the Village can show that the area that the bandstand is located in perpetuity will be considered a small park. E. Martin requested a visit should be arranged from SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) to walk the Village, share our information and hear from them the best way to proceed. E. Martin to follow-up with SHPO.
R. Shur also brought up the Village Hall and although not considered a contributing structure it may have historic preservation grant potential. Van Buren Hall interior renovation may or may not have access to grant funds and requested an HPC member assist in those conversations based on interior renovation details whether it would be eligible or not to receive historic preservation grants. E. Martin & T. Husband offered their assistance with R. Shur in determining the possibility of grant funding for the Village Hall/Van Buren Hall.

Old Business: **15 Chatham St/Door/Michael Castellano**
Received an email from M. Castellano following up on December’s application for his front door. He stated he will take the advice of E. Martin and winterize the door so it’s not prone to any pests and weather and will repair the deficiencies when the warm weather returns.
It was noted that should M. Castellano decide to install a storm door, he would need to come before the HPC for review and approval.

New Business: None

Procedures: The guidelines for new construction were reviewed by T. Husband and considered limited. He also reviewed the guidelines from Rhinebeck which were more specific. Discussion was had whether additional guidelines are needed, specifically site location and working with the Planning & Zoning Boards. It was recommended to continue to encourage potential applicants to come to a workshop to discuss their ideas and obtain feedback. T. Husband to review the HPC application and provide additional language incorporating the recommendation of a workshop.

Village Trustee, Mike Abrams suggested a monthly meeting with Commission/ Board Chairs and Village Attorney would be helpful in coordinating and streamlining the processes of all Commissions/Boards.

Next meeting of the HPC - March 17, 2022

Motion made to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

Moved: K. Neilson; Second: S. Sawyer. Motion carried.



Jacqueline Bujanow, Secretary
Historic Preservation Commission