

**HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD  
BELLEFONTE BOROUGH  
MEETING MINUTES**

**August 11, 2020 - 8:30 a.m.  
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823  
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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The August 11, 2020, regular meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Historical Architecture Review Board (HARB) was called to order by Mr. McGinley at 8:30 a. m. Members met virtually due to Covid-19 restrictions.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sam McGinley  
Nicole Mendinsky  
Walter Schneider  
Gay Dunne (via phone)  
Pat Long  
Megan Tooker

**EXCUSED:** Maria Day

**STAFF MEMBERS:** Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager

**GUEST:** Joanne Tosti-Vasey, Council President  
Vincent & Kathleen Costello

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**ADDITIONS /CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None.

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None.

**DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION:** None.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**Mrs. Schneider moved to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2020, HARB meeting.  
Ms. Long seconded the motion.  
Motion carried.**

**PROJECT REVIEW AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**227 North Allegheny Street – Porch, Replace Flooring**

Mr. and Mrs. Costello were available at the meeting to discuss their porch project. They would like to level the porch, replace flooring and paint. Some pictures were shown to HARB members.

Mr. Costello remarked on the history of the repairs of the porch and they are looking to replace with a composite deck. The existing porch is pulling away for the side and it is split. The roof needs to be raised up a little and the porch deck. The pillars will be repaired as well. Some of the boards are rotted out.

Mr. Costello showed a neighbor's composite porch which was approved by HARB. They are looking at the slate gray color.

**Mr. Schneider moved to approve the project as presented.  
Ms. Long seconded the motion.**

Ms. Long amended the motion.

**Ms. Long moved to recommend to Council to approve the project as presented using Timbertek flooring in the color slate gray.**

Mr. Schneider reminded the applicant that they will need a building permit to do the work. Ms. Costello reiterated the color scheme. The red is just the color for the brick that is already existing; the columns will be the same color but a little brighter; and the trim will be green and includes the handrail and rims at the bottom and tops of the columns.

Ms. Dunne inquired if they were planning on redoing the entire porch facing Allegheny and Burroughs including the two-story porch in the rear of the house facing Burroughs. Mr. Costello stated that they were not. The boards are available in the narrower width and narrow, but the Costello's are choosing the wider width. She clarified the color of the foothill as forest green.

**Motion carried.**

Discussion was held on a HARB member assisting the resident on a project, without recusing themselves from voting on the issue.

**111 East High Street, Suite 2 – Signage**

Mr. Stewart reported on the sign application for 111 East High Street. The building was repainted not too long ago, and they are proposing a 30x40 inch sign. The basic size should be okay as it is the same bracket as used before for the old sign.

**Mr. Schneider moved to recommend approval of the sign project with final details administratively approved.  
Ms. Tooker seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL:** Nothing presented.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

There has been little discussion on the waterfront property with the developers. Things have slowed down since the pandemic. The hotel industry took a big economic hit. The Gamble Mill is underway, and everything looks good. They are not planning to be open until mid-2021. The Diamond Deli was discussed briefly.

The sign ordinance revisions will be delayed as the design committee would like a chance to review the draft. Members of HARB need to look at the ordinance, per Ms. Tosti-Vasey.

The old fire hall stormwater mitigation was discussed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing presented.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing presented.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no other business to come before HARB,

**Mr. Schneider moved to adjourn.**

**Ms. Long seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.