

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

**October 13, 2020 - 8:30 a.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER:

The October 13, 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
Gay Dunne
Pat Long
Megan Tooker
Maria Day
Nichole Mendinsky
Walt Schneider

STAFF MEMBERS: Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager

ADDITIONS /CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: The High Street Shops was added to Old Business.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.

DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

**Ms. Long moved to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2020 HARB meeting.
Mr. Schneider seconded the motion.
Motion carried.**

PROJECT REVIEW AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

224 West High Street - Signage

Mr. Stewart explained that the property owner is opening a barber shop at the middle store front of the Bush Arcade. The sign would be nearly identical to the sign in pictures presented to HARB. Dimensions are 3 ½ feet in height and 16 feet wide across the top of the storefront. The name of the shop is Black Diamond Barber Parlor. Mr. Stewart will suggest adding the identification of barber parlor to the signage, and he will administratively approve if necessary.

Mr. Schneider moved to approve the sign project.

Ms. Day seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously, via roll call vote.

227 North Allegheny Street – Changes to lighting, roof replacement, Installation of HVAC Unit

Vince Costello, home owner, appeared before HARB to discuss the three-part project at 227 North Allegheny Street. This project involves exterior lighting replacement, roofing material replacement and the location of an HVAC condenser on the second story porch. Six lights and roof materials will be changed. Samples of the light fixtures were shown in photographs. The lights will vary in size, although similar in design. The lights being replaced are not original to the house.

Mr. Schneider moved to approve the lighting improvements.

Ms. Long seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously, via roll call vote.

The existing asbestos roof on the garage will be removed appropriately. The property owners are also interested in changing the shingles on the house and front porch. They are proposing an architectural shingle by Owens Corning in Onyx Black. The current roof is leaking and is over 20 years old.

Ms. Day moved to approve the roof project.

Mr. Schneider seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously, via roll call vote.

The property owner proposed placing an HVAC condenser on the second story porch. There is already one there. The additional proposed unit is the same size as the existing HVAC. The brands are different but the same size. It is not visible from the street. The existing HVAC unit will remain.

Mr. Schneider moved to approve the HVAC project.

Ms. Tooker seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously, via roll call vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL:

378 East Curtin Street - Roof Project approved in 2019

Replacement of three-tab standard shingle roof in the “eyebrow” area. Main roof completed in 2019.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS: Nothing.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Gamble Mill received revolving loan funds from the Borough. The Department of Community and Economic Development granted the funds to Bellefonte and the Borough loaned the funds out to The Gamble Mill owners. The loan is for significant renovations to a property. As the funds come back, they can be loaned out to other property owners for similar structure renovations.

The High Street Shops has changed the color of the paint on the side of the building. Mr. Stewart contacted the property owner. The property owner was reminded of the HARB application and requirement to be approved by HARB.

NEW BUSINESS:

No application has been received for the Diamond Deli awning, to date. There is a grant that may be used to assist with the awning replacement.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to come before HARB,

Mr. Schneider moved to adjourn.

Ms. Long seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.