

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

**November 24, 2020 - 8:30 a.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER:

The November 24, 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
Pat Long
Megan Tooker
Nichole Mendinsky
Gay Dunne
Walt Schneider

EXCUSED: Maria Day

STAFF MEMBERS: Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager

ADDITIONS /CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

439 E. Linn Street Shed and Gamble Mill exterior signage was added to the agenda.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.

DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

**Ms. Long moved to approve the October 27, 2020, minutes of the HARB meeting.
Ms. Tooker seconded the motion.
Motion carried.**

PROJECT REVIEW AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

105 North Potter Street

Ms. Melissa Stitzler was present to discuss the project. She proposes new signage at 105 North Potter Street. She would like to install a 36 x 36 projected sign. Oil base enamels will be used for the paint, with two-inch iron pipe will be painted black with two guy chains. Only one side of the sign will be painted as it is a one-way street.

Mr. Schneider moved to recommend to Council to approve the sign as presented, with the sign done on both sides due to pedestrian activity.

Ms. Dunne seconded.

Motion carried.

439 East Linn Street – Request for Utility Shed

The shed will have some siding on it. The setbacks will be worked out. The property owner wanted to add some color to it. It will be 10 feet wide by 8 feet. The color will be brown with and brown oil-based shingle. The property owner showed pictures to HARB members.

Mr. Schneider moved to recommend to Council to approve the shed project as presented with colors to be coordinated by staff.

Ms. Long seconded.

Motion carried.

Dunlop Street -- Gamble Mill – Signage

The property owner proposes five signs on the building. The mill will be used for a restaurant and a hotel so various signs are required. The bar and pub space will also be a separate entity of the inn. They are also looking for retail at the Waterworks building and that will need a sign. Pictures were shown of the proposed signs. Signs 1 and 2 would state Gamble Mill and be made of metal facing the railroad tracks and the creek. No. 3 would be the sign for the retail space about 18 inches in diameter, same material as mill signs. The sign will be lit with a fixture which was previously presented by the architect to HARB. No. 4 will be on the corner of the building off Lamb Street, same context as the other signs. No. 5 would be the restaurant sign and would hang off the corner of the kitchen Creekside. The restaurant will be named “Creekside.”

Mr. Schneider moved recommend approval of signs 1 as presented.

Ms. Dunne seconded the motion.

Lighting of the signs was discussed. There will be no lights shining on the face of these signs. Backlit signs are permitted, but internally lit signs are not, per Mr. Stewart. The metal material of the signs was discussed. The material is steel which would patina over time. Core 10 material was discussed. Weathering acceleration processes were discussed.

Motion carried.

Mr. Schneider move to recommend to Council to approve sign No. 2.

Ms. Dunne seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Mr. Schneider moved to recommend to Council to approve sign No. 3 with the exact height and placement be coordinated with staff.

Ms. Long seconded the motion.

The sign will be hanging from a fixture by chain. The sign will be raised from the photograph. It will be 7.5 feet from the right of way.

Motion carried.

Mr. Schneider moved to recommend to Council to approve sign No. 4 working with staff on details of the guy wires, etc.

Ms. Dunne seconded the motion.

This sign would replace the original taproom sign that was previously at this location. The bracketing was discussed by Mr. Schneider relative to guy wires for lateral support. The sign seemed that it may flip around in the wind. The property owner will gain insight from the designer relative to this.

Motion carried.

Sign No. 5 would be made of a wood material. The sign would be lit.

Mr. Schneider moved to recommend to Council to approve the sign No. 5 working with staff on the specific details, in light of the sign size

Ms. Long seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

135 South Spring Street - Sign

This is the old Mattress World building home of the Belle Mercantile. There is one sign proposed at the front of the building. Andrea Skirpan joined the meeting for the project presentation. The sign requested is 3 x 12 feet. The sign will not be lit, and the sign is a wood background printed sign on durable material. The railing at the stairs next to the building was discussed. Ms. Skirpan indicated that that was updated per Code.

Mr. Schneider moved to recommend to Council to approve as presented.

Ms. Tooker seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL:

Mr. Stewart administratively approved a project at 213 North Allegheny Street. On the south side of the home they wanted to install an HVAC condenser. They have a current unit on the south side and would like to relocate it to the north side of the house. It is not visible from the right of way. Mr. Stewart showed photographs. The noise of the HVAC unit was mentioned by Ms. Dunne. The noise of the HVAC unit was not the responsibility or the scope of HARB, per Mr. Schneider.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS: Nothing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Historical District Ordinance was discussed briefly. There were a few clarifications that needed to be made. Administrative approvals, applications and in-kind replacement and landscaping features were discussed.

The courthouse work was discussed and is nearing completion.

The zoning/planning/HARB director position was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to come before HARB,

Ms. Long moved to adjourn.

Ms. Tooker seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.