

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

**February 23, 2021 - 8:30 a.m.**  
**236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823**  
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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The February 23, 2021 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* via Zoom.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sam McGinley  
Megan Tooker  
Gay Dunne  
Walt Schneider  
Pat Long  
Nichole Mendinsky

**EXCUSED:** Maria Day

**STAFF MEMBERS:** Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager  
**Guests:** Bob Bowersox, John Sengle, Denise Sticha, Joanne Tosti-Vasey

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**ADDITIONS /CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Mr. Stewart added an administrative approval.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**Ms. Dunne moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2021 HARB meeting.**  
**Mr. Schneider seconded the motion.**  
**Motion carried.**

**PROJECT REVIEW AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Centre County Library, 203 North Allegheny Street**

Roof replacement project has little or no view from the public right of way. John Sengle of the property committee discussed the project. The area was not a part of the original structure and was added sometime thereafter. The existing roof appears to be an intermeshed copper shingle. Gutters are an issue. They inquired about a standing seam roof on this addition or another option that Mr. Single may not be aware of. Denise Sticha spoke about the roof and the evidence of some water leaking inside the back porch. To redo the copper will cost about \$17,000.

Mr. Schneider recommended a rubber membrane. It will not be seen if it is done in black. The slope is slight. The heavier rubber would be the best option and that should last quite a long time. The origin of the date of the back porch was not known.

There was discussion on recycling the copper roof. Mr. Schneider indicated that due to the soldering it would be very labor intensive to do so. This discussion was informational only.

### **Sign Project – 372 Phoenix Avenue**

The property owners require the signs to be like the other signs in the development. The logo colors for this new salon are black and all the background is consistent with the other signs on the property itself. The lighting on the sign was discussed briefly. There is no exterior lighting on any of the signs. All awnings are the same and the background of the signs are the same.

**Mr. Schneider moved to approve as presented.**

**Ms. Long seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried.**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL:**

**348 East Linn Street** – The Welles would like to repair and replacement, where necessary, woodwork around their front door. The wood would be replaced with cedar where necessary. Administrative approval was granted on February 22, 2021.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Nothing presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Historic District ordinance revisions will be held off until someone is in place.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Council approved a \$25 application fee for HARB. No fee was charged until now. Other HARBs had been charging a fee i.e. Hollidaysburg Borough. This will help fund the position and take pressure of general fund taxes.

Ms. Long recommended getting this information out to the real estate community in Centre County.

The question was raised whether administrative approvals would require a fee.

An update was given on the Gamble Mill progress.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no other business to come before HARB,

**Mr. Schneider moved to adjourn.**

**Ms. Long seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.