

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

**March 9, 2021 - 8:30 a.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER:

The March 9, 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
Walt Schneider
Pat Long
Maria Day

EXCUSED: Gay Dunne
Nichole Mendinsky
Megan Tooker

STAFF MEMBERS: Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
Gina Thompson, HARB Administrator

Guests: Joanne Tosti-Vasey
Peter and Bonnie Setaro

INTRODUCION:

Ralph introduced Gina. Gina Thompson is the new HARB, Zoning and Planning Administrator for the Borough. She recently resigned from council, which she served on since December 2018. Previously, she was the Main Street Manager for Downtown Bellefonte Inc.

ADDITIONS /CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Ms. Day's company is working on a project with the Setaros. The project is unrelated to the two projects referenced in their HARB application.

DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Ms. Day moved to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021 HARB meeting.
Mr. Schneider seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

PROJECT REVIEW AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

251 N. Allegheny Street – rebuild carriage house

Mr. Setaro presented the carriage house project at 251 N. Allegheny Street. A PowerPoint was presented to HARB members. The renovations to the carriage house were discussed. Landscaping was discussed briefly.
Mr. Schneider moved to approve the building as presented.
Ms. Long seconded the motion.

Mr. Schneider discussed the existing building size and the size of the addition. The property owners indicated that the addition goes out about 20 feet into the yard and is not as wide as the original carriage house. Mr. Schneider stated that he liked the design and did not feel that there was too many redeemable qualities to the existing structure and the renovations were a positive step forward.

The standing seam metal roof over the addition was discussed and the siding is real wood. Hardy-board would be better to use, per Mr. Schneider as it is non-combustible. The architect will consult with material and colors.

Mr. Schneider moved to approve the concept, including the dimensions, but materials and colors are excluded from that.
Ms. Long seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

215 N. Allegheny Street – rebuild north side porch

The second part of the project was the porch facing the church. Concepts of the porch from the backyard were shown to HARB members. The side porch will be tied in with the main porch that goes around the house with a curve. The floor will be continued around to the kitchen door.

Mr. Schneider moved to approve the new porch to match the construction and details of the existing rear porch on the south side with colors and detailing to be consistent with the other porch.
Ms. Long seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

127 East High Street (Porch Floor)

The property is owned by Centre County Government. Mr. Stewart reviewed the project in the absence of the property representative. The porch floorboards need to be replaced. The proposal

was not an exact in-kind replacement on the floor. The proposed flooring is modern deck board as opposed to tongue and groove.

Mr. Schneider moved to recommend that tongue and groove is used for the flooring project.
Ms. Long seconded the motion.

With typical deck board as proposed, over time, it will shrink a little bit and a different look will occur, per Mr. Schneider. Administrative approval of the tongue and groove will be done by staff.

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL: Nothing presented.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS: Nothing presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Stewart discussed the Historical District Ordinance. With Ms. Thompson now on board, this will be scheduled for review in the near future.

The Gamble Mill was discussed briefly. They are under a very aggressive renovation schedule. The waterfront project was discussed briefly.

The old fire station was discussed briefly. The doors and permitting was discussed as well as the intended use.

NEW BUSINESS: Possible training was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to come before HARB,

Mr. Schneider moved to adjourn.
Ms. Day seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.