

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

**September 14, 2021, 2021 - 8:30 a.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER:

The September 14, 2021 regular meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Historical Architecture Review Board (HARB) was called to order by Ms. Megan Tooker at 8:30 a.m. Members met *virtually* via Zoom.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Megan Tooker
Phil Ruth
Pat Long
Gay Dunne
Maria Day
Walt Schneider
Sam McGinley (left at 9:00 a.m.)

EXCUSED: Nichole Mendinsky
Rob Wagner

STAFF MEMBERS: Gina Thompson, HARB Administrator

GUESTS: Brian Vonada
John Fehrenbach
Shawn Ulery
Amy Beauton
Bridget Taylor
Dave & Janice Provan
Terree Michel
Raymond Holsing

Additions / Corrections to the Agenda: None

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None.

Declaration of Ex Parte Communication: None.

Approval of the HARB meeting minutes: August 10, 2021 meeting minutes

Ms. Long moved to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Tooker seconded. Motion carried.

Project Review and Public Comments:

145 West High Street

The contractor was present to discuss this project (Susan's Fine Cuts). The project entails a mini-split heat pump and it is going under the fire escape. There will be one three- and half-inch diameter hold from outside to inside but mostly what the eye would see is the pump itself which is about 3 feet by 2 feet tall and a foot thick. Condensation was discussed. The lines would go down through the inside like the indoor unit. There will not be a mess on the sidewalk, per the contractor. The color of the unit is ivory colored, and the brackets are not able to be seen. A platform was discussed under the unit. Measurements and possibility conflict was discussed.

Mr. Schneider moved to accept the proposed unit to be mounted to the High Street side of the elevation of the fire escape with the line set coming down and entering the building through the second pane from the left on the top row, working with staff it does not measure right, and that the line set should be painted black to match the fire escape adjacent to it. Ms. Day seconded. Motion carried.

460 East High Street – Door and window replacement project.

Two doors are being replaced and windows as well. Anderson Renewal are doing the work. Visuals were shown to HARB. The back of the home is not visible from any rights of way. Two doors are being replace, the front and side. The windows on the front and side will be replaced. Colors will remain the same style and color. Eleven windows totals will be replaced. Doors are being replaced due to wear and damage.

HARB members discussed the home's contributing factors due to the age of the home. The fibrex material of the windows was discussed briefly by Ms. Thompson.

Ms. Long moved to approve the window and door project to be replaced by Renewal by Anderson. Ms. Dunne seconded. Motion carried with one nay.

349 East Curtin Street - Shed at Rear of Property

Shed will be painted the same color as the main house. It is wood siding with a shingle roof to be installed by Nittany Structures. The shed will face the house. The shed will be placed on top of a platform. The colors will be gray and red around the door to match the house. The roof will either by metal or shingle depending on HARB's decision. The shed is 12 x 20, and the pad is larger than the shed. The roof will be architectural shingle.

Ms. Long moved to approve the shed as presented. Mr. Schneider seconded. Motion carried.

120 W. High Street (Elks)

This project is to install 4ft x 6ft canvas sign to be placed over front porch of Elks Lodge; red, white, and blue sign with Elks logo. The banner will be on the front porch with a time limit as indefinite as possible. They would like to rotate from the front to the back of the alley if that is more acceptable to HARB. The sign ordinance was discussed. Mr. Schneider suggested that the sign be more permanent than a banner since they are planning on keeping it up longer than just a banner. The banner is not very expensive and is something that can be moved i.e. parade or replaced if it weathers. Mr. Ruth did not like the sign submission and he would want to see what it would look like and where it was positioned and how long it would remain at the location. The location will be located on the left-hand side of the porch in the window area. Signage square footage was discussed per the sign ordinance. Mr. Schneider liked a more permanent sign design. Ms. Long does not like the idea that it is in the front of the building and would prefer it in the back. Ms. Dunne agreed with the prior members' discussion. According to the ordinance they can have three signs not to exceed the height of 25 feet. This may be considered a temporary sign. HARB did not feel they had enough information to approve something permanent at this time.

Mr. Schneider moved to table this project until such time as the sign ordinance has been approved by the Council of Bellefonte. Ms. Long seconded. Motion carried.

The banner will be approved as a temporary banner from a zoning perspective.

217 N. Allegheny (Verizon Building)

HVAC upgrades to the building to provide additional cooling for telephone equipment. Windows along the side wall are being replaced with louvers and (3) three condensing units are being placed on the roof. They are requesting approval for: new roof top condensing units, new louvers along the side wall facing adjacent residence.

The prior work was discussed. Mechanical work will be installed on the roof at a ten-foot set back. The rooftop units will be about 3 feet tall. The undone grill was discussed. Ms. Tooker would ask that that be covered with a grill as well to keep consistency with visibility when talking down the street.

Ms. Dunne inquired about the purpose of the grill other than visual. It is functional in bringing air in and exhausting air out. Mr. Schneider requested that the grill be put over the two windows that were not done on the first floor.

Mr. Schneider moved to approve the project with there being the light grillage on the two windows that are in the front section of the building, one on the first and one on the second floor and that the light shutters be added to the four windows on the front section on the North side to match the existing window shutters. Ms. Long seconded. Motion carried.

421 E. Curtin Street

Bed & Breakfast sign to be hung on a bar of existing lamp post in front yard of residence by public sidewalk. Sign will be aluminum with vinyl overlay; dark green with gold lettering; 18"x12" with photos presented to HARB. Ms. Tooker felt the sign was in scale with the pole. Mr. Schneider called the question.

Mr. Schneider moved to approve the sign as presented. Ms. Dunne seconded. Motion carried.

Information/Discussion Items:

League of Women Voters Centre County – banner request (no HARB action needed)

The hometown hero banners do not have the eyelets on the bottom that was used in the example photo (from State College). Also, the poles are not as tall, so the hanging would not fit below the Hometown Hero banners. There is a significant labor cost involved to hang these banners. It was suggested that they hang a banner across the street instead during election season. (No discussion, time constraint).

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to come before HARB,

Mr. Schneider moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Dunne seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.