

**HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD
BELLEFONTE BOROUGH
MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2022 - 8:30 a.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER:

The March 22, 2022, regular meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Historical Architecture Review Board (HARB) was called to order at 8:30 a.m. Members met *virtually* via Zoom.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Megan Tooker
Pat Long
Gay Dunne
Phil Ruth
Mike Leakey

EXCUSED: Walt Schneider (off and on the meeting)
Sam McGinley
Maria Day

STAFF MEMBERS: Gina Thompson, HARB Administrator

GUESTS: Glenn & Claudia Vernon, Albertin Vernon Architecture LLC.
Bryan Ray, Hoffman Leakey Associates LLC.
Dave Letterman
Joanne Tosti-Vasey
Randy Brachbill

Additions / Corrections to the Agenda: None.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: Mike Leakey will recuse himself from the Allegheny Street Project.

Declaration of Ex Parte Communication: None.

Approval of the HARB meeting minutes: December 14, 2022, Minutes

Mr. Schneider moved to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Dunne seconded. Motion carried.

Project Review and Public Comments:

135 South Allegheny Street – This project was previously discussed by Robert Hoffman, AICP. Brian Ray presented the project more in depth for approval by HARB.

The project was brought higher to extend to blend in with the Faith Center building. To the left, a black wall for the stair tower, would be connected with historical pictures of Bellefonte. Above that would be a clear story entrance and night the unit would light up as one unit with backlighting in the far-left panel. Ground level the entrance and frame would stay but the door would be replaced as it did not match the historical references shown through out the building. Windows would be replaced in a darker tone with an arched top. Gutters would be painted gray color to blend in with the brick. Foundation would be a 12 x 12 tiles in slate to tie into the front of the building. Fire escapes would be extended for the drop floor space. Railing would be upgraded, and paint would match the rest of the building. Remaining stone would be repointed and maintained.

Ms. Tooker moved to recommend approval of the renovations to 135 South Allegheny Street with the exception of painting of the brick and preference to the hardy board in the back and not vinyl. Ms. Dunne seconded.

The material for the back was discussed. It is viewable from the back public right of way. Ms. Tooker preferred the vertical. She did not like the vinyl. The brick was already painted, and the new look would be a warmer tone. The rear fire escape was briefly discussed related to the code requirements. HARB members discussed painting the brick. Some members offered that the brick should not be painted. The architect argued that maintenance of any façade is crucial, and he offered that the paint would add to the appeal of the building. Administrative approval was discussed relative to the brick paint.

Roll Call vote, Ms. Tooker, Yes, Mr. Schneider, Yes, Ms. Long, yes, Mr. Ruth, Yes, Ms. Dunne, Yes with one abstention. Motion carried.

Mr. Schneider moved to have the existing paint administratively approved. Ms. Tooker seconded. Motion carried.

Roll Call vote, Ms. Tooker, Yes, Mr. Schneider, Yes, Ms. Long, yes, Mr. Ruth, Yes, Ms. Dunne, Yes with one abstention. Motion carried.

407 West High Street – Demo and construction of a gateway structure

Glen and Claudia Vernon presented the project for Mr. Letterman, the owner of the building. The project will premise an outdoor dining terrace outside the back of the building of Bonfatto's. A brief history of the restaurant was given. The original parts of the structure were discussed and the areas that were replaced. The historical integrity was taken into consideration for this project. They are proposing a new paved brick gateway structure to provide a better access to the outside dining area. An example was given from Waynesport, PA. The structure would be a façade and gateway arch. Setbacks were discussed.

There was no action taken. This was an informal presentation to HARB.

Administrative Approval –

355 E. Curtin – Roof repair and replacement with Northgate CertainTeed Max Def Moire Black.

Information/Discussion Items:

- Review of Window Projects: This document says, “for discussion” and Ms. Thompson was wondering if it was ever finalized or approved. It will be on the website.
- HARB member bios on the website: Members should submit a photo and bio for the website. This will allow residents to have a better understanding of the members and their role on HARB.

Old Business: moved to future agenda due to length of meeting.

- Containers outside State Burger
- Updating the HARB ordinance

New Business:

Adjournment: With no other business to come before HARB, meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.