

**HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD  
BELLEFONTE BOROUGH  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 14, 2022 - 8:30 a.m.  
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823  
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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The June 14, 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.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Maria Day  
Megan Tooker  
Philip Ruth  
Mike Leakey  
Gay Dunne  
Pat Long  
Robert Wagner (Alternate for Walt)

**EXCUSED:** Walt Schneider

**STAFF MEMBERS:** Gina Thompson, HARB Administrator

**GUESTS:** Dave Letterman  
Sherri Letterman  
Glenn & Claudia Vernon  
Amy Kelchner  
Albert Drobka  
Phil & Kathy Breidenbaugh  
Randy Brachbill

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**Additions / Corrections to the Agenda**

- 214 Allegheny, the Bed & Breakfast, is going under Old Business.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Declaration of Ex Parte Communication**

- none.

**Approval of the HARB meeting minutes:**

- *Long moved to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2022, meeting. Ms. Dunne seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.*

**Project Review and Public Comments**

### **407 W. High Street (Outdoor dining addition to Bonfattos)**

- demolition and construction of new gateway structure.
- Glenn & Claudia Vernon of Albertin Vernon Architecture, LLC., were present to discuss the project. The owners, Lettermans, are seeking HARB approval for this project.

*There was extensive discussion regarding various aspects of the project, including light fixtures, windows, the gateway/arched entryway, roofing, drainage, the firewall and brick detailing and facade. There was also a question of Change of Use and ADA Accessibility. This issue was addressed and resolved.*

*Ms. Day motioned to approve the demolition of the existing structure that has no defining features left, and replace with the proposed brick entrance to a garden and outdoor eating area, with materials that will match the existing structure. Second by Tooker. There was no further discussion. Motion carried. The project will be sent to Council for final approval.*

### **106-114 N. Allegheny Street (Pike Street)**

- The existing rear garage, storage spaces, and fire escape will be removed/demoed. The existing windows at 114 N. Allegheny Street will be removed and replaced with new windows.
- Albert A. Drobka, Architect LLC, was present to discuss the project

*The owners are planning to renovate the ground floor and the 2 apartments above The Apothocary. The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor apartments have been vacant due to lack of a fire escape. The plan is to sprinkler system the entire building, to eliminate the need for the fire escape. There was extensive discussion detailing all aspects of the entire project.*

*Ms. Long motioned to approve the demolition of the garage and painting and replacement of windows, and repair of decks. Ms. Tooker seconded. The motion carried. The project will be sent to Council for final approval.*

### **128 W. Howard Street (Trinity Church)**

- On October 20, 2021 – Administrative Approval was issued to re-mortar brick at church with historically accurate mortar. It was discovered later that the brownstone sills were also replaced. This is the retroactive application for that project: Remove three cracked deteriorated brownstone sills with affordable, available, long-term material.
- Amy Kelchner was be present to discuss the project.

*Ms. Kelchner reported that the next project the church hopes to complete is a new roof.*

*Long motioned to retroactively approve the work that has been completed on the church. Day seconded. The motion carried. The project will be sent to Council for final approval.*

## **Administrative Approval**

Ms. Thompson reviewed the various administrative approvals that she did since the last meeting.

- **254 N. Allegheny (Hastings Mansion)** – Continuation of roof replacement from last year. Replacement of lowest rear roof section (currently metal) to match the main building already replaced. Deteriorated metal will be replaced with Pewter Gray Landmark shingles

### **Old Business**

- **214 N. Allegheny (Bellefonte B&B)** – project update and request for approval.

This project initially came before HARB on April 12, 2022. The original proposal was to install a stamped concrete porch and walkway. However, since this would eliminate the brick façade from appearing underneath the steps in the riser, HARB tabled the original project proposal and asked the applicant to come back with different options that would maintain the integrity of the brick on the risers.

The applicant returned on June 14, 2022 with two options.

- 1) The original proposal – replace porch and walkway with stamped concrete, eliminating the brick façade from the step risers.
- 2) All brick-like stamped concrete porch then add flagstone/bluestone on the top. This would show a brick type look in the riser but requires flagstone to be placed on top of the stamped concrete.

The walkways would either be brick with slate, or all brick. It was noted that HARB does not have jurisdiction over walkways, only structures. However, there was some disagreement whether HARB had jurisdiction over the walkway if it was tied into the porch steps. There was extensive discussion regarding the steps and the walkway.

Ms. Tooker motioned to approve the poured concrete with natural stone (flagstone/bluestone) on top, with preference for brick façade along risers or poured concrete and natural stone. Re-use existing iron railing. There was no motion made about the walkway. Wagner seconded. Motion carried with one nay.

### **New Business**

- Sent letter to 141 S. Thomas Street – roof replacement that didn't come before HARB
- Need to send letter to 150 N. Water Street – some exterior project going on.

### **Information/Discussion Items**

- There was a discussion regarding HARB's ability to keep homeowners and contractor's who live or work within the historic district in compliance with local ordinances.

### **Adjournment**

- With no other business to come before HARB, Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.