

**HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD
BELLEFONTE BOROUGH
MEETING MINUTES
July 12, 2022 - 8:30 a.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER:

The July 12, 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: Walt Schneider
Philip Ruth
Mike Leakey
Gay Dunne

EXCUSED: Megan Tooker
Maria Day
Pat Long

STAFF MEMBERS: Gina Thompson, HARB Administrator

GUESTS: Michael Lloyd
George Powell
Carlton Hopkins
Jamie Holsinger
Kinsey O'Rourke
Kathryn Spielvogel
Joanne Tosti-Vasey
Randy Brachbill

Additions / Corrections to the Agenda: none

Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Declaration of Ex Parte Communication: none

Approval of the HARB meeting minutes: Mr. Schneider moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022, meeting. Ms. Dunne seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Project Review and Public Comments

109-111 E. Bishop – exterior façade work

- Kathryn Spielvogel, property owner, is present to discuss the project.

- Painting, awnings, lighting

Mr. Schneider motioned to approve the project as presented, including paint color, awnings and lighting. Second by Philip Ruth. It was noted the awnings will require a building permit. Motion carried. The project will be sent to Council for final approval.

111 E. Bishop (Shae Nouveau LLC) – business sign

- Discussion regarding the sign for the business.
- Linsey O'Rourke, business owner, will be present to discuss the project

Mr. Schneider motioned to approve the project as presented. Mr. Leakey seconded. The motion carried. The project will be sent to Council for final approval.

109 E. Bishop (All Things Kind, LLC) – business sign

- Discussion regarding the sign for the business.
- Jaimie Holsinger, business owner, will be present to discuss the project

Mr. Schneider motioned to approve the project as presented. Mr. Ruth seconded. The motion carried. The project will be sent to Council for final approval.

141 S. Thomas Street – Retroactive application for roof replacement.

- Applicants were sent letter dated June 2, 2022 stating it was noted there was exterior work being done but no record of HARB approval. The old asphalt shingles are/were of indeterminate age (old) and needed to be redone before it started to leak. Replaced asphalt shingles and metal with metal staying closer to something historically appropriate. The original roof was 1/2"-3/4" Cedar Shake shingles. Only one layer so the metal roof was put overtop of the shingles.
- Johey Verfaillie and Carlton Hopkins, homeowners, will be present to discuss the project.

Discussion on the project. The metal roof is not standing seam. Questions about material and profile photos were made. 28-gauge roof. Contractors were Mike and Greg Robinson. Mr. Schneider motioned to table this project until more information on the roof material can be presented. Ms. Dunne seconded. The motion carried.

133 W. Logan Street – Retroactive application for roof replacement.

- Ms. Thompson went by the project site on July 6, 2022 and spoke with the construction crew about the project not getting HARB approval or a building permit application to do a roof replacement on a four-unit structure in the Historic District. Contractor and property owner were unaware that the property was located in the Historic District and promptly submitted the application and materials. The rear portion of the roof has been completed and the front has been halted until all necessary permits are approved.

- Mike Lloyd, Contractor from Money Saver's Construction, and/or homeowner are present to discuss the project.

Mr. Schneider motioned to deny this project, based on the roof not being consistent with roofing used on a house vs a utilitarian structure, historically speaking. Ms. Dunne seconded. Discussion included details about the project and the structure. Roof material is approximately 36 inches wide x 19 feet long, rib to rib is 9 inches. Everlast metal roofing – corrugated. Building is not Victorian, but historic – built between 1922-1936 based on Sandborn map. The motion carried. The project will go to Council for their review.

Administrative Approval

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

- **239 N. Allegheny – exterior paint**
- **439 E. Linn – roof replacement**

Old Business

214 N. Allegheny Street (Bellefonte B&B)

- At the July 5 meeting, Council approved Mr. Breidenbaugh's request to allow for the two options he presented to HARB at the June 14th meeting:
 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.
- Homeowner cited that he was unsure of projected costs for these two options, but based on what he finds out he would like to have the option to do either, not just what HARB had approved at the meeting. Borough Council approved his request.

128 W. Howard Street (Trinity United Methodist Church)

- additional information on quality of materials that was presented at the last meeting.

New Business: none

Information/Discussion Items

- There was a discussion regarding the armory property.
- There was extensive discussion regarding the importance of HARB and how the project approvals are important to the overall Historical status of the borough, and also what is the best method to send information out to residents and property owners within the historic district.

Adjournment: With no other business to come before HARB, Meeting adjourned at 9:50a.m.