VILLAGE OF ALBION HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION February 16, 2010 Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Commission Members: Thom Jennings, Louis Becker,

Andrea Rebeck, Neil Johnson, Matthew Ballard

Mariadele Theodorakos and Aric Albright

Also in attendance: Trustee Eileen Banker AMSA: Katelin Olsen

Property owner: Beth Giordano

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Thom

Jennings.

Pledge of Allegiance, roll call and introductions followed.

ADJUST AGENDA Add: Public comment to the beginning of the meeting (will discuss again later in this meeting.) No one in

attendance wished to comment at this time.

Add: COA 25 East Bank Street before "procedures"

MINUTES APPROVED

A motion was made by Louis Becker, seconded by Andrea Rebeck, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2010 meeting with the following corrections:

- Under 48 North Main Street: change word spelling from apoxy to epoxy
- Under Chatfield: change emails to "an email"

Motion passed unanimously

Upon review of the minutes, it was noted that Mr. Theodorakos had not reapplied for a hardship therefore the 30 day extension that was granted has been revoked.

COA: 25 E. BANK ST A COA application was presented to the HPC for 25 East Bank Street owned by Beth Giordano. The application was for doors and windows on the rear of the building. Thom stated that he had spoke with Julian Adams concerning this project. Julian said that it was not as significant because it was on the rear of the building. Neil felt that the rear of this building "fronts" the canal and therefore, alterations should be carefully considered.

Discussion about the windows followed. The property owner would like to install vinyl windows. She stated that energy efficiency is a big concern for her. Andrea, Neil and Mariadele all felt that the standards in the downtown district call for wood therefore wood should be used. Andrea mentioned that vinyl windows would not last long term. Aric felt that whatever kept the elements out should be acceptable. Lou and Matt both suggested that the property owner price out wood windows. If it appeared to be too costly, she could then apply for a hardship through the Village of Albion board.

Neil also suggested that Beth speak to Katelin Olsen of AMSA concerning the possibility of grant money. It was determined that at this time, the property owner should price out the wood windows. Lou will correspond with the property owner on behalf of the HPC. Adele offered to assist.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The HPC wishes to allow anyone in attendance at their meetings, the chance to speak. All agreed that the opportunity for public comment should be made available at the beginning of each regular meeting. A time limit of five (5) minutes per person was set.

ROLL CALL VOTE

The HPC has decided that a "roll call" vote should be made for all future COA applications so that each member's response to the application is documented.

48 NORTH MAIN STREET

A "stop work order" was issued last month for work being done on columns at 48 North Main Street. To date, the owner has not contacted the HPC to continue the project. The HPC had previously given permission to the property owner to install a new sign on the front lawn of the property. There is some concern that the sign that was installed is not what the HPC approved. Members will check the original COA for this sign to confirm.

ADJOURN

Prior to adjourning, Neil Johnson wished to discuss the status of an HPC member. At this time, nothing had been confirmed so the rest of the commission did not wish to open a discussion. A motion was made by Matthew Ballard, seconded by Louis Becker to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed - 6 ayes

1 nay - Neil Johnson

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.