Village of Albion Historic Preservation Commission Special Meeting – August 31, 2010

Present: Louis Becker, Mariadele Theodorakos, Matthew Ballard, Aric Albright (via phone)

Excused: Andrea Rebeck, Linda Smith

Absent: Jordan Bonafede

Also present: Ronald Vendetti; Codes Enforcement Officer

Meeting opened at 7:07

It was noted that no quorum was present at the start of the meeting.

25 E. Bank Street

- Beth Giordano presented window plans for her property at 25 East Bank Street.
- Mariadele Theodorakos asked about window glazing
 - Non-reflective, insulated glass will be used.
- No motion was made. An updated Certificate of Appropriateness will be submitted and signed by Louis Becker when it comes into Ron Vendetti's office. A preliminary vote was taken:
 - o Aye: Louis Becker, Mariadele Theodorakos, Matthew Ballard, Aric Albright
 - o Nay: None

First Baptist Church

- Joe Baker, contractor, presented photographs and plans for removing a basement window for the installation of a handicap lift on the south end of the Baptist Church. The discussed window faces Beaver Street.
 - A small approach will be constructed for a handicap lift, which will be located inside of the building.
 - The existing lintel will be moved up to accommodate the new door and approximately 32 bricks will be removed in the process.
 - O A stainable, fiberglass door with a window matching the shape of the current church windows will be used.
- The project is still in the planning stages and a formal Certificate of Appropriateness has not been submitted.

Notification of Properties

- Ron Vendetti expressed concern that since notice was given to him regarding the proposed designation, he could no longer issue building permits until a decision was made by the Preservation Commission.
- Matthew Ballard said that he read the law as meaning, once official notice is given to
 property owners, that building permits cannot be issued until a decision has been
 made.
- Louis Becker said he will pick up the district information from the Codes Enforcement Office as it is not complete.

CLG Grant Money

- The possibility of applying for CLG grant money was discussed.
 - o As it appears, the commission has no planned projects that could be used to apply for funding.

Preservation Law Changes

- A hearing is scheduled for September 22, 2010 regarding the changing of parts of the Preservation Law.
 - There was discussion about removing Section 173-3 E from the code, which states that district and landmark information must be recorded at the County Clerk's Office.
 - Ron Vendetti stated that other commissions do not require that landmark information be filed with the County Clerk. He did say that the district will be marked on zoning maps.

Other Notes

- Ron Vendetti said that Ken from Uncle Sal's wants to shorten the deck on the backside of his building and that this will likely come in front of the HPC in the near future

Meeting closed at 7:46

Respectfully submitted, Matthew R. Ballard