



**York Historical Architectural Review Board
Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2018**

Members in attendance included: Craig Zumbun (Chair), Dennis Kunkle (Vice-Chair), Joe Downing, Dave Redshaw, Mark Shermeyer

Absent: Mark Skehan, Rebecca Zeller, Robyn Pottorff

Consultant: Mary Alfson Tinsman, JMT Cultural Resource Manager/ HARB Consultant

| AGENDA ITEM | DISCUSSION | ACTION/RESULT |
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| Welcome and call to order | The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. The agenda was prepared by the HARB Consultant. | |
| Changes to the Agenda | | |
| Minutes of September 27, 2018 | | Mr. Kunkle moved to approve September 27, 2018 minutes. Mr. Downing seconded. Approved. |
| Cases | The following cases are approved with the recommended actions. | |

Case #1 – 45 E. Cottage Street

Discussion:

The applicant is proposing to replace existing wood columns at the front porch of the property and to install stone tiles to the front of the façade. The applicant, Mr. Roman Flores, was present. He would like to replace the columns with brick columns due to the maintenance that is required with wood columns. Mr. Redshaw asked if he had considered replacing them with a fiberglass column. Mr. Shermeyer noted that the brick would not be appropriate for this building. He showed the applicant an example in Hanover of a replacement Tuscan column. Mr. Shermeyer noted that the existing columns are in poor condition, but he felt that there were affordable fiberglass/composite columns available. Mr. Redshaw noted that the fiberglass/composite would be stronger than a brick column. Mr. Redshaw noted that the foundation would also better support the fiberglass/composite. Mr. Shermeyer noted that he felt a new Tuscan column

made out of a composite material could be approved by the board, but that a brick column would not be approved. He noted that the applicant would need to match the diameter of the existing columns.

The applicant asked if he could install a railing if he uses a composite column. Mr. Redshaw noted that a railing similar to the neighbors railing would be appropriate. Mr. Shermeyer concurred, noting that the two halves of the building should match as closely as possible. Mr. Redshaw noted that the applicant will need to return to the Board with the new railing proposal.

The applicant asked about the appearance of the new columns, and Mr. Shermeyer noted that the new columns will need to mimic the existing columns.

Mr. Shermeyer then asked about the proposed stone façade that the applicant was looking at. The applicant noted that the existing brick is looking dingy/dated and he would like to clean/replace it. Mr. Shermeyer noted that the use a low-pressure power washer the brick would be cleaned up. He noted that the brick was laid in a Flemish Bond pattern, which was an expensive pattern/style when it was first constructed. He restated that using a low-pressure power washer would remove most of the existing dirt. The power washer should use no more than 300 PSI and should not be an acid-based cleanser. Mr. Zumbrun noted that a mild detergent/soap would take off the dirt. Mr. Redshaw noted that the applicant might want to use a sealer on the brick after cleaning.

Mr. Shermeyer noted that preserving the look of the building is important.

Mr. Zumbrun clarified that the applicant is willing to change the applicant as follows:

- Replace the existing columns with a composite or fiberglass column, not a brick column.
- The front of the house will not be covered with a stone façade, it will be cleaned and sealed.

The applicant also noted that he would like to tile the concrete porch for a better look. Mr. Shermeyer asked how the applicant would handle the sides of the porch if the sides were also tiled. Mr. Redshaw noted that the tiles should not be slippery, and that safety should be considered. The applicant indicated that they would like to use a square tile in a standard size; 3/8-inch-thick in 18-inch squares.

Mr. Redshaw asked what gutters would be used on the roof on the porch. Mr. Shermeyer asked if they would be using a concealed gutter (“yankee” gutter), and the applicant indicated yes.

Motion: Mr. Kunkle moved to approve the application as modified: the columns will be replaced with fiberglass or composite Tuscan style columns that match the existing columns; and that the brick façade will not be covered, it will simply be cleaned and restored; and that the railings will match the existing railings as closely as possible in a composite material; and that the porch floor can have a gray/brown tile finish. Mr. Downing seconded.

Additional Discussion: None.

Vote: 5-0. Motion approved.

Case #2 – 9 W. Market Street

Discussion:

The applicant is proposing to install an illuminated sign on the storefront of the property. Mr. Terry Burkhart presented the application. Mr. Burkhard is with Superior Signs. Mr. Burkhart brought an example of the proposed sign and lighting. It will be aluminum backed sign with twelve-inch letters. The letters will be backlit “halo” style lights. The aluminum will be the same color as the existing façade so that the backing will blend in. Mr. Redshaw asked where the electric raceway was, and the applicant indicated that it is inside of the aluminum. The electric raceway will be concealed within the aluminum. The aluminum will be screwed into the façade which is wood.

Motion: Mr. Shermeyer moved to approve the application as presented. Ms. Redshaw seconded.

Additional Discussion: None.

Vote: 5-0. Motion approved.

Other HARB Business:

Further discussion regarding working with City Council to better regulate property owners who do not comply with the HARB Ordinance. There was a discussion regarding the responsibilities of City Council verses permitting office/code enforcement. It was noted that most HARBs have a City staff member attend HARB meetings. Could the City have an employee attend the HARB meetings as a City representative?

Can Council require a City staff member to sit on the HARB Board/attend the HARB meetings?

The Board has requested that the HARB Consultant ask Shilvosky Buffaloe to attend a HARB meeting to discuss issues/concerns with the Board.

Adjourning and next meeting **The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 7:00pm the next scheduled meeting is set for Thursday October 25, 2018.**

Minutes recorded by Mary Alfson Tinsman, JMT Cultural Resource Professional/HARB Consultant