

Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission
September 5, 2019
DRAFT: Minutes

Present: Chris Forster (alternate), Bob Hoffman, Lisa Johnson, Barbara Marsh (alternate), Matt Ross, Ann Vibert Wuelfing (alternate), Edward Giannaros (Town Council liaison), Shannon Rutherford (Town Planning Office)

Absent: Sherry Horton, John Brockelman

Guests: Jack Kemper, Pete Ramchandani

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Approval of Minutes: June 6, 2019 minutes (Forster/Marsh) (M/S/A)

Lisa Johnson recused herself from the Public Hearing. Bob Hoffman chaired the hearing.

Public Hearing for a Certificate of Appropriateness: 99 Lovely St.

Renovation and restoration of a 19th century barn including concrete floor, windows, roof, siding & sill repair. Installation of a new staircase (out of public view). House built between 1839 and 1849, the barn does not have any specific records of being built, but the mortgage was described “with buildings” and therefore it may have been there. The 1850 Woodford map shows the barn in existence. At one time used as a blacksmith shop.

Barn will be raised, floor cut out, and cement pad poured. Windows will be replaced with 6 pane non-functional wood windows with storm covers. The roof and gutters will be replaced with like materials. A staircase will be added to the west face, out of view of the street, adding access to the second floor which is now accessed via a ladder.

Motion to approve COA for 99 Lovely St. (Forster/Hoffman) (M/S/A)

Member Solicitation

- Due to the summer holiday, work will continue this fall.

Fall Tour

- We are partnering with the museum
- Date moved to October 20th. 11:30-3pm
- A bus trolley will be taking folks from the museum to Suburban Park, and to the new Wood n’ Tap
- Truffles and the Lion’s Club will be sponsoring and providing food.
- We will be providing individuals on Cottage St.

Other Business

- Jack Kemper and Pete Ramchandani began an informal discussion of the most recent Parson’s Hardware property, now Liquor Square. The interior part of the building is on the Historic inventory of Unionville/Farmington. The proposed plan may include replacing the existing building with two buildings. Building to be added to the corner would be brick (two stories). Main building would be built in a warehouse/railroad depot style. Both would have two apartments on the second floor. The old house is in grave condition with dry rot, erosion, and water damage. No formal applications have been submitted at this time. The discussion was preliminary in nature and meant to gather feedback.
- The new Suburban Park sign is in place and looks wonderful. A wonderful thank you to the Town Public Works department for the fine work rebuilding the sign.

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- A followup on the 10 School St. property will be conducted for the work discussed at the June meeting
- Preliminary planning on a new kiosk on the Dam trail. One side of the kiosk would be available to the UHDPC for informational posting.
- Possible COA for the Unionville Museum coming up related to the addition of a bathroom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM MJR