

**Village of Franklin
Historic District Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 2020 7:00 P.M.
In Person and Zoom meeting at the Gazebo**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Historic District Commission was called to order by Gary Roberts, Chairman, in person and via Remote Zoom at 7:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: In person: Gary Roberts, Jill Wilke, Laura Witty, Alek Kokoszka, Alex Stchekine

Present: via Zoom: Bill Dinnan, Building Official, Amanda Davis, Historic Preservation
Consultant

Absent: Mike Brassfield, Gayle Timmis

Also Present: Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk; Roger Fraser, Village
Administrator; Pam Hansen, Village President

Roberts welcomed Alex Stchekine in person, as he has only been on Zoom, and introduced him to the rest of the Commission. He also stated that it was his intent to comply with the Open Meeting Act and mentioned those joining the meeting via Zoom: Bill Dinnan and Amanda Davis.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Taking advantage of the sunlight, Roberts requested to add and change the order of items under **VI. New Business: A. Consider a Color Change of door at 23200 Carol; B. Consider an Application for a retaining wall at 32334 Franklin Road, and C. Consider an Amendment to the approved Streetscape Plan.**

Motion by Kokoszka, seconded by Wilke to approve the agenda, as amended.

Ayes: Witty, Roberts, Wilke, Kokoszka, Stchekine

Nays: None

Absent: Brassfield, Timmis

Motion carried.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of September 2, 2020

Motion by Kokoszka, seconded by Wilke to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 2, 2020, as presented.

Ayes: Witty, Roberts, Wilke, Kokoszka, Stchekine

Nays: None

Absent: Brassfield, Timmis

Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider a Color Change of door at 23200 Carol.

Bill Finnicum was in attendance, representing the owner. He requested a change of color of the door to “eggplant”. In addition, the house will be painted a grey color, for which a sample was provided. The house is located next to the Post Office on Carol St.

Motion by Witty, seconded by Kokoszka to approve the eggplant color for the door at 23200 Carol and grey for the color of the house. The colors were in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation #9.

Ayes: Witty, Roberts, Wilke, Kokoszka, Stchekine

Nays: None

Absent: Brassfield, Timmis

Motion carried.

B. Consider an Application for a retaining wall at 32334 Franklin Road.

Natalya Shub, owner of the residence, was present. The request was for the installation of a replacement retaining wall on the south side of the driveway and around a flower bed in front of the house on the west side. The walls would be 2 ft. high, Old World Glenstone in Walnut Blend, with slate accent. Dinnan stated that the wall on the south separating the Shub property and that of the neighbor’s met the fence Ordinance requirements. The wall in the front of the house met the fence requirement as it would be more than 2 ft. away from the road right of way.

Motion by Kokoszka, seconded by Wilke to approve the application for a retaining wall less than 24 inches high on the south side of the driveway and around a flowerbed on the front side of the house (west) at 32334 Franklin Road. The fences would be Old World Glenstone in Walnut Blend with a slate accent.

Ayes: Witty, Roberts, Wilke, Kokoszka, Stchekine

Nays: None

Absent: Brassfield, Timmis

Motion carried.

C. Revision of the Franklin Streetscape

Roberts explained the Village submitted this revision (dated 10/7/2020) of the approved Streetscape plan for the front of the Van Every House on Franklin Rd. The amendment to the plan would replace the grading of the steepest part of the hill in front of the building with a stone retaining wall. The Commissioners were given the plan. The top of the wall would be concrete (limestone) and would be level.

Motion by Witty, seconded by Kokoszka, to approve the amendment to the Streetscape plan regarding a wall in front of the Van Every House, based on sketches dated 10/7/2020.

This addition is in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation #2.

Ayes: Witty, Roberts, Wilke, Kokoszka, Stchekine

Nays: None

Absent: Brassfield, Timmis

Motion carried.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Report on Historic Study Committee Progress.

Davis has been working on the report and hopefully will have a draft by the end of October. She has not had any news from Harryvan concerning the house at the top of Franklin Rd. Roberts noted that the owner sent a letter stating she agreed to have her house added to the Historic District. Pictures were needed to be taken of the outside and, hopefully, the inside. Communication with the owner has been a problem as she was in Florida. Amanda mentioned the reasons why she would like to inspect the inside of the house.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Roberts to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk