

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION – AD HOC MEETING

Time and Date: Thursday, July 23, 2015, at 12:00 p.m. in the Birch Room of Wausau City Hall
Members Present: Gisselman (C), Gidlund, Burke, Forer (arrived at 12:05 p.m.)
Others Present: Hebert, Voigt

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

Chairperson Gisselman called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m. stating that a quorum was present.

Certificate of Appropriateness for 802 Franklin Street.

Hebert received an application for several items and one of the items was a complete redo of the siding. This was not covered the last time it was brought to the commission. This will be yellow, 4" double vinyl siding.

Gidlund asked if the color is a bright yellow. Voigt said that it is not bright, but it is a sand color. Voigt spoke about the colors that were looked at. Burke asked if vinyl siding fit the budget. Voigt said yes and the only other option is repainted. It would need to be redone every 10 years. The siding would last 25 years. Gidlund said it is all wood right now. Voigt said yes and said it would be to keep it the original.

Burke asked if LP smart siding was looked at. Voigt said he hadn't. Burke said that it is a hardy plank and is pretty versatile, just isn't a comparable price. Voigt said it wouldn't look like wood. Burke said it is not fur or pine, but is a composite material that is durable and has a 25-year warranty.

Forer arrived at 12:05 p.m.

Burke continued by stating that it retains its paint well. A custom paint application can be done at Wausau Supply, but can be painted in place. Voigt said he is looking for something that will look nice and cost effective. Voigt said that the Fire Department is always asking him to do this and that and no one is able to purchase it, because the banks are not lending any money for rentals.

Hebert asked if the siding will go right over the top or remove the existing siding. Voigt answered that they will go right over the top.

Burke said he is having a hard time with the vinyl siding in a historic district. Gidlund agreed. Voigt said if he is going to have to repaint it in another 10-15 years, he might as well paint it now. If another composite siding is installed, it won't be original either. Burke said that he had pretty good luck at 525 Franklin Street with southern yellow pine with a primer applied at the factory. They are not looking at any peeling, chipping, or cracking.

Gisselman said that there are other properties in the East Hill Historic District with vinyl siding and this will perk up the house. Gisselman said at times he is willing to sacrifice. Forer asked how many other houses have vinyl siding. Gisselman answered that there are just some within the district. Forer asked if they are historic properties. Gisselman said this house isn't as architectural significant as other homes. Gisselman said he has issues with vinyl, but is willing to compromise. Forer asked if the LP smart siding is more expensive. Burke answered it is significantly higher.

Gidlund said she is having a hard time with the color and asked Voigt if he could get the color out of the vehicle. Voigt left the meeting to get a color sample. Gisselman said that there has been numerous changes to this house and envisions the color of the Yawkey house. Voigt showed the color sample to the commission. Gidlund said that is more of a cream color. Gidlund asked what the warranty is. Voigt

answered it is 20-25 years. Forer asked what the width of the boards would be. Voigt answered that it would be the same width.

Gidlund motioned to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 802 Franklin Street. Forer seconded, and the motion carried 3-1. Burke voted no.

Adjournment

Forer motioned to adjourn. Gidlund seconded, and the motion carried unanimously 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary Gisselman, Chair