

OGUNQUIT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES: FEBRUARY 23, 2022

In- person, Dunaway Center

1. ATTENDANCE/ ROLL CALL

Marsha Northrop- Co-Chair

Sheldon Drucker- Co-Chair

Joanne Resta- Secretary

Carole Aaron- Select Board Liason

2. Approval of December 8, 2022 minutes, 3-0 vote.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of case before the OHPC:

259 Main Street, Leavitt Theatre

Map 7, Block 9, Downtown Business District

Max Clayton, representative for the above property, would like to make two areas with outdoor tables, the garden strip along the north side, and the south side, in front of the bar entrance. They will be using the same moveable furniture on the south side as last year, slanted to accommodate the ground's slant. They will be making no exterior changes, and Max mentioned they will be adding an ADA access bathroom.

Sheldon commented that because there are no exterior changes to the structure being proposed, then he was acquiescing to the proposal.

Jo Resta inquired about the stanchions- the ropes and posts used to enclose the area. Max responded they will be the same and very much in keeping with the movie theatre style.

Both Marsha Northrop and Jo Resta complimented the Clayton family for saving and keeping this iconic building well maintained and true to its original appearance. Jo was additionally thrilled that the Claytons had breathed life into this part of the business district, by offering outdoor music and refreshment.

The Commission acquiesced to this application, 3 to 0 vote.

As it involved no changes to the exterior to the property, a Certificate of Appropriateness was not necessary to be issued by the OHPC for this project.

4. OLD. BUSINESS

Sheldon Drucker distributed a draft of the OHPC By laws. Jo Resta will type them up and distribute, so the Commission may review them in time for the next meeting on March 9.

Carole Aaron, SB liaison, suggested the by laws contain the OHPC meeting days. Marsha Northrop countered that the meeting days could change in the future, so perhaps it is better that they be left out.

5 PUBLIC INPUT:

Carole Aaron asked for a definition of Certificate of Appropriateness.... She also requested that any documents be sent to her in the PDF format. Jo will ensure this is done.

Carole also said that a goal should be to digitize all records. Tyler, CEO, responded that the Town is looking at digitizing procedures so that this can be done in the future.

Discussion then ensued about the OHPC role. Marsha Northrop described how much time and research goes in to every single project that comes before the OHPC. She feels, at times, that the OHPC is bashed down , “ You’re only advisory” and like comments. Carole pointed out that all Ogunquit committees are advisory , and do not feel slighted.

Motion to adjourn by Jo Resta. Seconded by Marsha Northrop.