

Shepherdstown Historic Landmarks Commission

Draft Minutes

Special Meeting, November 2, 2009

Town Hall, 7 p.m.

1. Call meeting to order. Members present: Chair Sue Nash, John Shank, Jay Hurley, Hank Willard, Alice Chakmakian.
2. Approval of October 14, 2009, minutes: A. Chakmakian moved, J. Shank second, approved as written
3. Conflicts of Interest: H. Willard will abstain from voting on #09-38 as the applicant is a cousin.
4. Visitors: Mary Lowe
5. Administration Report: Only the three applications on tonight's agenda are ready November review.
6. Applications

#09-31, *Yellow Brick Bank (Ken and Tripp Lowe), 201 East German Street.*

Installation of six (6) electric/gas lights on the exterior the building. PC background. J. Hurley found half dozen or so appropriate examples; Tripp Lowe picked one which will come from a firm in New Orleans. The fixtures will be fitted for gas. J. Hurley moved, A. Chakmakian second; approved unanimously.

#09-38, *Abby Northrop, 210 W. High St.* Exterior house painting. H. Willard urged her to get quart samples; the sample paint colors were slightly off the chip chart, but they would keep working on it. House contains one of the original town wells under a hexagonal trap door. The paint is for the current siding which is vinyl. J. Hurley moved, A. Chakmakian second, approved with H. Willard abstaining.

#09-39, *Carlos Niederhauser, 113 North Church Street.* Replace deteriorated siding at the peak on the front of the building. J. Hurley moved, J. Shank seconded, approved unanimously.

7. Continuing Business: Guidelines, Demolition by Neglect. A. Chakmakian was awaiting the WV Code reference that gives the HLC and the Historic

Guidelines the authority of law before offering an opinion as how to proceed on the demolition by neglect. M. Abshire will get the Town ordinance that created the HLC.

8. New Business: Definition of the word “original” as used throughout the draft HLC guidelines. S. Nash felt that the default position is if the structure or portion thereof at issue is more than 50 years old it would be considered original, no matter if there are different and older portions involved; in other words if a log house is dated at 150 years and 100 years ago the log were covered with German wood siding, the siding would be considered original. M. Abshire said he would contact Lewisburg, WV, zoning and HLC and get an opinion. S. Nash said the best place might be State Historic Preservation Office.
9. As there are no applications ready for November review, H. Willard moved to cancel the November 11 special session; J. Shank seconded; unanimously approved. Next HLC meeting will be Wednesday, December 16, 2009. Meeting adjourned 8:17.