

**CITY OF WOODSTOCK
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
July 28, 2014
City Council Chambers**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Woodstock Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Allen Stebbins on Monday, July 28, 2014 in Council Chambers at City Hall..

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Rodney Paglialong, Chairman Allen Stebbins, Erica Wilson

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Jodie Kurtz-Osborne

STAFF PRESENT: City Planner Nancy Baker

OTHERS PRESENT: None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Stebbins stated that the reference to “Rep. Holtgren” should read “U.S. Congressman Randy Hultgren.” R. Paglialong moved to approve the minutes as corrected. E. Wilson seconded. Ayes: Chairman Stebbins, R. Paglialong, E. Wilson. Nays: None. Absent: J. Kurtz-Osborne. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

IV. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

R. Paglialong nominated Erica Wilson to serve as Vice Chairman. Chairman Stebbins seconded the nomination. E. Wilson accepted the nomination. Ayes: Chairman Stebbins, R. Paglialong, E. Wilson. Nays: None. Absentees: J. Kurtz-Osborne. Abstentions: None. Motion carried and Erica Wilson was re-elected Vice Chairman.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. COA request for Courthouse and Sheriff’s House stair restoration, 101 N. Johnson Street

N. Baker explained that bid plans and specifications are being finalized to restore the stairs in front of both the Old Courthouse and Sheriff’s House. Both stairways are very deteriorated requiring ongoing patching.

The treads on the Courthouse stairs will be replaced with Valderstone however most of the slabs underneath will be retained. Valderstone, which is quarried in Wisconsin, is a dense form of limestone that will absorb less water than most other forms of limestone.

The Sheriff's House stairs were originally limestone but were replaced with concrete and brick side walls which are now failing, probably in the 1930s. The concrete stairs will be removed and replaced with Valderstone and new wrought iron railings will be installed.

The Commission noted the following concerns regarding the Courthouse stairs:

1. The newel posts and railings on the courthouse stairs may be too fragile to be sandblasted. N. Baker stated she will research paint removal on historic cast iron to be sure the correct process is utilized.
2. Will missing decorative pieces be replaced? N. Baker confirmed that they can be cast and replaced.
3. The fittings should be complimentary to the railing in terms of style and material. N. Baker said this will be required.

The Commission noted the following concerns regarding the Sheriff's House stairs:

1. The newel post finial shown on the plans does not match the 3-tiered finial in the photo. A less delicate or less finial should be utilized. Perhaps match the acorn on finial on the Courthouse new post.
2. The fittings should be complimentary to the railing in terms of style and material. N. Baker said this will be required.
3. The newel post and railing design should come closer to the historic photo if possible. N. Baker responded that the architect was not able to locate anything more similar. The Commission recommended that Baker contact Jim Prindiville regarding his source(s) for cast iron pieces.

Commission members reviewed the COA Findings report.

E. Wilson moved to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness to restore the Old Courthouse stairs and railings and replace Sheriff's House stairs and railings as proposed and subject to the concerns noted. Chairman Stebbins seconded. Ayes: Chairman Stebbins, R. Paglialong, E. Wilson. Nays: None. Absent: J. Kurtz-Osborne. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

R. Paglialong was called away from the meeting due to an emergency and a quorum was no longer present. Motion by E. Wilson, second by A. Stebbins to adjourn the meeting of the Woodstock Historic Preservation Commission. Ayes: Chairman Stebbins, E. Wilson. Nays: None. Absentees: J. Kurtz-Osborne, R. Paglialong. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Baker, City Planner