

**VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**August 13, 2024**

Chairperson Patricia Maxwell (“the Chair”) called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Historic Preservation Commission Members: Michael Rausch, David Dorpfeld, Nancy Harm, Hannah Kastanos, and Wendy Warren. Chris Fisher was absent.

A motion to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2024, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting was made by Michael Rausch and seconded by David Dorpfeld. Patricia Maxwell voted yes. Michael Rausch voted yes. David Dorpfeld voted yes. Nancy Harm voted yes. Hannah Kastanos voted yes. Wendy Warren voted yes. The motion carried.

**New Business**

**2. 1 Ely Street-Heermance Memorial Library-** Chairperson Maxwell stated that the Heermance Memorial Library has submitted an application for the exterior side door and roof replacement.

Catherine Benson, Library Director, stated that the library will be replacing the roof, and installing an automatic swing door for accessibility. The door will include an automatic door arm and stainless steel push plates with surface black boxes. They are applying for this work through a grant.

Chairperson Maxwell asked if the library is holding off on the replacement of windows for now.

Catherine Benson stated that the library is holding off on the replacement of windows per the State Historic Preservation Office’s (SHPO) recommendation.

Chairperson Maxwell stated that she understands that SHPO has already approved the replacement of the door and roof per their requirements.

Catherine Benson stated that that is correct. As for the roof replacement, the library is thinking of going with “Max Def Moiré Black” for the color of the asphalt shingles, or something close to it. SHPO has already approved the replacement of the old asphalt shingles, with new asphalt shingles.

Michael Rausch asked if the exterior side door will be wooden, and if so, if it will be white.

Catherine Benson stated that it will be a wooden door, but will be painted dark green to match

the existing door.

A motion to approve the application received from the Heermance Memorial Library for the exterior side door and roof replacement at 1 Ely Street was made by Wendy Warren and seconded by David Dorpfeld. Chairperson Maxwell voted yes. Michael Rausch voted yes. David Dorpfeld voted yes. Nancy Harm voted yes. Hannah Kastanos voted yes. Wendy Warren voted yes. The motion carried.

Michael Rausch stated that Aaron Flach has decided to assist in the sidewalk replacement in front of the library when the time comes.

**1. 8 Reed Street-Shipwrecked-** Chairperson Maxwell stated that Shipwrecked has submitted an application for exterior façade refinishing, with no color changes anticipated. They are refinishing the wood façade, with no changes to the color or look. It will be a cedar color with a satin finish.

Michael Rausch stated that the gentlemen doing the work will be the same guys that had done the wood refinishing work on the old firehouse building downtown.

Chris Fisher arrived at 6:09 p.m.

A motion to approve the application received from Shipwrecked for exterior wooden façade refinishing at 8 Reed Street was made by Nancy Harm and seconded by Wendy Warren. Chairperson Maxwell voted yes. Michael Rausch voted yes. Chris Fisher voted yes. David Dorpfeld voted yes. Nancy Harm voted yes. Hannah Kastanos voted yes. Wendy Warren voted yes. The motion carried.

### **Old Business**

**1. 2-6 Reed Street/33 South River Street- (former Cumming's Hotel)** – Chairperson Maxwell stated that there are no updates on this project at this time.

**2. Training-** Chairperson Maxwell stated that she has received webinars from the State, which are free to attend, and she will forward them to members as they are received. She said that the Historic Preservation Commission is a member of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC), which allows for the downloading of webinars on their website in order to fulfill training requirements.

**3. Other:** Michael Rausch stated that the Village Cemetery Rules plaque has been mounted on the main gate of the cemetery on Mansion Street. He also stated that the Coxsackie Historical Society had their second meeting. The corner building on Reed Street bordering Riverside Park

will be the future home of the Coxsackie Historical Society and Visitor's Center. This will be a good thing for the community downtown. Bathrooms will be in the rear bottom floor of the building as well. There will be a meeting room, museum, and visitor's center. The grant money received will hopefully cover all of the renovations.

David Dorpfeld stated that the Coxsackie Historical Society has also filed to become a 501c3, so that donations can be made. They have 10 members, and meet regularly. Although, the project is in the early planning stages.

### **Public Comment Period**

No public comments were offered.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the Historic Preservation Commission meeting was made by Wendy Warren and seconded by Nancy Harm. Chairperson Maxwell voted yes. Michael Rausch voted yes. Chris Fisher voted yes. David Dorpfeld voted yes. Nancy Harm voted yes. Hannah Kastanos voted yes. Wendy Warren voted yes. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nikki Berezna  
Clerk