



**TOWN OF GORDONSVILLE
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 6, 2016
6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

The Town of Gordonsville Board of Architectural Review held their regular meeting in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. Members present were Chairman Theo van Groll, Vice-Chairman Will Stewart, Ron Higgins, and Liz Samra. Gordon Regan was absent. Staff present was Town Manager Deborah Kendall.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Chairman van Groll stated a quorum was present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Certificate of Appropriateness for 203-209 N. Main Street.

The members of the BAR discussed the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish the structures located at 203-209 N. Main Street. Chairman van Groll stated he felt the application was not complete, and suggested that it be deferred to the next meeting.

Mrs. Samra stated the project is an exciting opportunity for the town, but more information is needed before the BAR can make a decision.

Chris Henry, presenting PBM Capital Group, stated demolition is desired to allow for the greatest flexibility in the design of a boutique inn and associated structures on the property. He further stated that design charrettes will be held to get community input on the development of the property. Mr. Henry stated the intention is to repurpose the property and develop a world-class destination for the town.

Members of the BAR expressed concern that the project is being rushed and that insufficient information had been provided in order for them to determine whether the development desired for replacing the existing structures would be architecturally appropriate.

Chairman van Groll stated the town needs to be a part of the discussion in the redevelopment of the property, and he is happy to know PBM is willing to seek such input. Mr. Higgins further stated more time needs to be given to developing plans for what will replace the buildings that are now on site. Vice-Chairman Stewart asked whether a schematic design could be developed within 60 days, including information on what materials will be used in the redevelopment.

Mr. Henry asked for BAR to act that evening in that he was not prepared to withdraw the application.

The Town Manager stated that the Town's Land Development Ordinance gives a specific time frame for action on a complete application being reviewed by the BAR, and because the application provided by PBM was incomplete, there was no time frame within which the BAR needed to act.

Vice-Chairman Stewart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Higgins, to deem the application incomplete. The motion carried 4-0.

Chairman van Groll asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak. There were two speakers. Tony LaPlaca, 300 N. Main Street and Chris Colby, 202 Weaver Street. Both speakers thanked the BAR for wanting more information and for their service to the town and for being good stewards of the 80 properties within the historic district.

Consideration of 2016 Meeting Schedule.

Mrs. Samra made a motion, seconded by Chairman van Groll, to approve the 2016 meeting schedule as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Samra made a motion, seconded by Chairman van Groll, to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mrs. Samra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Higgins, to continue with the current slate of officers. The motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Elizabeth Samra, Secretary