

Village of Springville
Historic Preservation Commission

July 10, 2023 7:00 pm

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Village of Springville was held at the Municipal Building, 65 Franklin Street, Springville, New York at the above date and time. Present were:

Members:
Bill Skura Chairman
Helen Brogan
Don Orton
John Baronich-Vice Chairman
Eric Tuburdyke-absent

Also present:
Alisia Glasier-67 E. Main St., Springville
Seth Wochenski-30 S. Central Ave., Springville
Joseph Lowry-151 East Ave., Springville
Kevin Buncy-89 S. Central Ave., Springville
Max Collins-67 E. Main St., Springville

Clerk: Jennifer Blumenstein

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Skura called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Chairman Bill Skura asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2023 meeting.

Bill Skura made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Helen Brogan. Don Orton abstained. All in favor, none opposed.

A Certificate of Appropriateness came before the Board from DJ2 Properties, LLC located at 69 E. Main Street. The project includes removing the brick from the upper three (3) windows to expose the opening and install new limestone window sills to match the adjacent sills as closely as possible.

The window opening will be temporarily covered with plywood until all windows on the Pearl Street side are replaced.

Don Orton made the motion to approve the application with the stipulation that the new windows be replaced by the end of the year and that the window design be presented to the board before installation. Seconded by Bill Skura. All in favor, none opposed.

A Certificate of Appropriateness came before the Board from East Main Holdings, LLC located at 25 E. Main Street. The project includes removing signage above the storefront windows and repairing damaged brick by repointing as necessary. The masonry on the front façade will be cleaned. The owners will also be partially removing two (2) nonfunctional chimneys to match the height of the other existing chimneys.

The R.B. Waite building sign will remain on the building and the caps from the chimneys hopefully be used to cap the chimneys once cut to size.

John Baronich made the motion to approve the application as presented, seconded by Helen Brogan. All in favor, none opposed.

A Certificate from Terry Wray at 16 S. Buffalo Street which is where Harmony's Wellness Center is located was brought before the board again after being tabled due to lack of information at the June 12, 2023 meeting.

After some discussion and being provided with clarification via an email to the scope of the work being done, no windows are being replaced. Four custom built exterior storm windows will be added. Bill Skura asked for a motion to vote on this.

John Baronich made the motion to approve the application as presented, seconded by Eric Tuberdyke.. All in favor, none opposed

A Certificate of Appropriateness came before the Board from Kevin Buncy for work at 53 E. Main Street. The work being done is cleaning and repointing the front façade of the building. Along with the brick work, they want to remove the existing doors/windows and replace.

After much discussion and review of documents, Bill Skura asked for a motion to vote.

Don Orton made the motion to approve the application with the stipulation that Kevin Buncy return on August 14, 2023 to give an update on any changes concerning the storefront panel design and trim work, seconded by John Baronich. All in favor, none opposed

Kevin Buncy also had a Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 49 E. Main Street. This application is for replacing three (3) windows to match existing as closely as possible.

John Baronich made the motion to approve the application as presented, seconded by Bill Skura. All in favor, none opposed.

The Certificate of Appropriateness for 52 E. Main Street mural of Bertrand Chaffee with the red glasses which has been tabled twice was again brought before the Board. Bill Skura asked if Seth Wochenski from the Springville Center for the Arts had anything to add before the Board reviews it for the third time. Seth said no, lets not drag this out.

John Baronich had concerns about this mural since it is not permitted to cover over graffiti with a mural or other materials. The graffiti needs to be removed before being covered.

Seth said that he would be willing to remove the graffiti after he takes down the mural of Bertrand Chaffee on or before November 1, 2024. Seth also said that as long as he can do this chemically and not mechanically.

Helen Brogan asked if this Mural was going to be with the red bowtie instead of the glasses. Seth said that they are asking for the red glasses as per the application and that changing it to the bowtie was just a suggestion.

Don Orton made the motion to approve the application as presented, but none of the board members would second the motion. Due to a lack of a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness, no action was taken.

A Certificate of Appropriateness came from Main Street Café located at 56 E. Main Street. They would like mural placed on the back wall of the building. The mural will cover the entire wall and wrap around to the side of the building. As per Max Collins from the Springville Center for the Arts, it will be very colorful with an emotional wheel on it. Max will be painting the emotional wheel, but another artist by the name of Richard Stamp will be painting the rest of the wall with color and "creatures" that the artist sees fit. The picture shows Toucans, but that is not what will be featured on this mural.

John Baronich asked if this application went before the Public Art Committee before it came before the Historic Preservation Board as per policy. Seth said that it was just a policy, not a law so they decided not to go that route. Seth says that policy should be used for internal matters not public private property. Murals are a form of freedom of speech. It will be up to the building owner to paint over the mural when needed or wanted.

Don Orton made the motion to approve the application as presented, seconded by Helen Brogan. All in favor, none opposed. John Baronich made his decision to accept as presented with great hesitation.

John Baronich asked if Max Collins and Seth Wochensky from the Springville Center for the Arts to step up to the bench. He wanted to show them a video that he took in N. Tonawanda. The video was of a mural which portrayed a lot of what N. Tonawanda represents and said he had hoped that some/all the murals in the Village of Springville would do the same.

A Certificate of Appropriateness came before the Board from Springville Hardware located at 46-52 E. Main Street. The project includes replacing two (2) existing awnings with new retractable awnings at 46 E. Main Street and painting the facade and upper cornice at 52 E. Main Street. This was originally approved at the June 12, 2023 meeting, but a change has been made. **They would like to add a canvas awning to replace an existing one at 52 E. Main Street.**

Don Orton made the motion to approve the application as presented, seconded by Helen Brogan. Bill Skura abstained. All in favor, none opposed.

A Certificate of Appropriateness came before the board from Ricki Kovacevic in regards to signage at 31 E. Main Street. She is looking to put a sign on the façade and on an existing pole.

John Baronich made the motion to TABLE this application due to lack of information. Need more information on colors, dimensions and how the signs will be connected. Seconded by Helen Brogan. All in favor, none opposed.

The board spent some time going over the proposed Mural Guidelines draft. Changes were made and options were given. More changes/ideas will be discussed at the next board meeting on August 14, 2023.

John Baronich made the motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm, seconded by Helen Brogan. All in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Blumenstein