



## Historic Review Board Minutes for April 17, 2023

PRESENTED ON: May 15, 2023

LOCATION: Town Council Chambers

Historic Review Board Members	Present?
Erica Galloway – Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Terry Mullins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Susan Reeves – Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Joe Beasley – Vice Chairperson and Councilmember	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nathan Thomas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Invited/Special Guests: Brittany Davis, President of local nonprofit Each One Teach 1, Inc.,	

Motion to Approve Minutes as submitted by HRB Secretary Susan Reeves	
Made by HRB Member Name	Joe Beasley
Seconded by HRB Member Name	Terry Mullins
Final vote	Unanimous in favor of approving the minutes

### Agenda Items and Comments:

Chairperson Erica Galloway called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

The Certificate of Appropriateness application for 109 Main Street was discussed (Mitchell).

From their application's description of planned improvements:

1. *Several windowsills are rotten and in desperate need of replacement.*
  - a. *Pressure treated lumber will be used to replace all damaged windowsills.*  
HRB comments: Reviewed and approved this change for 1(a)
  - b. *Rotten areas surrounding damaged windowsill will be replaced with lumber as close to original as possible.*  
HRB comments: Reviewed and approved this change for 1(b)
2. *Siding will be selected to cover the exterior of the house.*
  - a. *Will attempt to maintain all exterior architectural structures and designs when possible.*  
HRB comments: Historic Review Board members felt more information was needed. Members expressed appreciation for their wonderful support of preservation and needed to know specific architectural features that may need replacement or alteration before approving item 2(a). Questions also arose about the material of the new siding – wood, composite or vinyl? The house features elaborate corbels and cornices on the eaves of the roof, along with unique window pediments and casings that are a critical part of its wonderful character. The siding should not cover these features or cause them to be removed.
  - b. *The color scheme of siding will be selected as close to the original color as possible. However, we would be open for the Historical Review Board to provide suggestions on a color scheme for the structure.*  
HRB comments: Do the Mitchell's know the original color? Sometimes the original color can be determined by scraping a few layers of the exterior paint off. The Historic Review Board may develop a color palette for the historic districts at a later point in time, but currently has not had an architectural historian advise us on what that palette should be. The current suggestion is for property owners to make color selections that are in keeping with the other properties in their district that are of similar age.

HRB member Terry Mullins made a motion to conditionally approve items 1(a) and 1(b) and to request the Mitchell's attend the next HRB meeting to further discuss items 2(a) and 2(b).

The Certificate of Appropriateness application for 113 Fincastle Turnpike was discussed (Mason Dixon Brothers, LLC). This application was previously approved. In the application review completed previously, HRB had asked about future plans for the stoop area and any landscaping. The applicants provided an updated rendering of this stoop area and HRB members expressed it was a great improvement. No further action was necessary for HRB on this application.



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Brittany Davis, President of local nonprofit Each One Teach 1, Inc., attended the meeting and presented questions to HRB about the process for establishing historic markers and districts. Brittany expressed interest in pursuing recognition of the Shake Rag/Carline community for its contributions to Tazewell's history. HRB member Susan Reeves explained the process for historic markers is currently done on a state and national level that is reviewed and handled by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR). As Susan found out during a recent seminar that was co-hosted by DHR, there is a lengthy backlog of 18-months wait time for application reviews and DHR is now advising communities to establish local marker programs. Tazewell does not have a local marker program yet, but it is being considered. For historic districts, Susan explained that the process for previous districts included the Town of Tazewell retaining the services of an architectural historian to inventory structures in the suggested area and to assist in filling out the application to DHR for approval of the historic district. Brittany commented that unfortunately, though a few of the original structures remain, there are not many, and of those, several were moved during the construction of 460. This led to a discussion where Susan suggested the possibility of a "historic community" designation, wherein an area, in general, is recognized for its cultural significance instead of its architectural significance. HRB would need to find out more information on whether DHR currently recognizes historic communities, and if this is also something that could be recognized on a local level if they do not.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Action Items for Next Meeting	Assigned to HRB Members
Request the Mitchells attend the next HRB meeting	

**Motion:** To conditionally approve items 1(a) and 1(b) on the Certificate of Appropriateness application for 109 Main Street and to request the property owners (Mitchell's) attend the next HRB meeting to further discuss items 2(a) and 2(b).

Made by HRB Member Name	Terry Mullins
Seconded by HRB Member Name	Joe Beasley
Under agenda item	
Final vote	Unanimous in favor
Discussion: <i>(see Agenda Items and Comments section above for discussion notes)</i>	

Motion to Adjourn	HRB Member Name
Made by HRB Member Name	Terry Mullins
Seconded by HRB Member Name	Susan Reeves
Final vote	Unanimous in favor
Time of adjournment	7:17 p.m.