

**Landmarks Preservation Commission
Town of Riverhead**

Minutes of September 28, 2009 Meeting

Members attending: Richard Wines, Gary Jacquemin, Nancy Gilbert, Stephanie Bail, Vince Taldone, Peter Lucas, Tom Sledjeski

Members not attending:

In attendance:

Minutes: The Commission approved the minutes of the July 27 meeting.

Projects pending:

111 East Main Street: This project was discussed at the last ARB meeting and withdrawn by the owner. Dimensions of the submitted design did not appear to match the building. Owner would now like to recreate the original design of the building. Gary will attempt to locate photo documentation of original structure.

55 Second Street: The Commission received a copy of an application dated 9/10/09 and a building permit with the same date. The sketch with the permit is stamped "Historic District: Must comply with all requirements of the Landmarks Preservation Commission prior to issuance of Certificate of Occupancy." Members of the Commission were surprised to have the permit issued without prior approval by the LPC. Richard will communicate with the Building Department about this. Meanwhile, members of the LPC are to take a look at the project underway.

Landmark nominations:

Reeves Park Flag Pole and Old Pump: Stephanie will photograph site. Richard will attempt to get more information.

Watch list: No new information.

Historic district guidelines: The historic guidelines are now displayed properly on the town web site and located in a way to make them relatively easy to find and use.

Web site: LPC information on the town's web site is now consolidated in a single location, is mostly accurate and can be found through the "town committee" link.

cc: Supervisor
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Rick Hanley, Planning

NY State Rehabilitation Tax Credit: Richard shared with the Commission information about the new state 20% tax credit that is available to both commercial and residential properties in census tracts at 100% or below the State Family Median Income Level. Downtown Riverhead qualifies. LPC members are to check the state web site and familiarize themselves with details of the program. Benefits will only be available for structures contributing to a National Register Historic District.

Downtown National Register District: Next steps will be to prepare a preliminary map and meet with the Town Board, probably after the November election, as a way to inform the board and the public of the benefits of National Register listing. We will also plan for an expert from SHPO to lead a seminar in Riverhead on the Federal and State rehabilitation tax credit programs and how they can benefit local property owners. The Society for the Preservation of Long Island antiquities has offered to co-sponsor the seminar and make it open to attendees from other towns. Richard will communicate with Chris Kempner about the LPC's strategy and attempt to work with her to obtain grant funding to do the research work necessary for National Register listing.

Historic District Signage: Tom will forward the estimate for twelve signs to Chris Kempner so that she can obtain funding under the Main Street Grant.

Other Business: Donna Zlatniski passed along a request from the owner of 1117 Main Road, Aquebogue as to whether "any structures on the parcel fall under 'historic preservation.'" Stephanie will send a letter to the County Executive stating her recommendation that part of the Main Street grant be used to upgrade façade materials on the Summerwind project.

Next meeting: October 26, 2009, 2009, 4:00 PM