

## HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE COMMISSION

February 10, 2015

**PRESENT:** Ann Parks, Michael Montalto, Phil Wise, Jean Keplinger, William Poray

**OTHERS:** Jeremy Clark, Twin Oaks Lawn & Landscaping; Brian Shaw, 425 Aldrich Road  
Chairman Ann Parks called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**BRIAN & LINDA SHAW**                      425 Aldrich Road

Mr. Shaw spoke first, and said he believed that the Commission was familiar with his property.

There used to be a set of exterior stairs on the east side of the barn. The stairs were torn down, as they were unsafe. He said that they would like to install some new stairs at the same location to make the building more useable. They sought the advice of Twin Oaks Lawn & Landscaping of Macedon, and, in particular, Jeremy Clark, for guidance.

Ann Parks had a question about the wood, whether it would be stained or left natural without a stain. Mr. Shaw said that they would let the stairs season, and then possibly choose a cedar stain or one that picks up and blends with the shed color. The members of the Commission thought that the stair installation looked straightforward.

Jean Keplinger made a motion to accept the proposal dated 12/22/14 for the construction of the staircase on the exterior of the barn. P. Wise added that the Commission would like to have some preservative on the wood. The motion was seconded by M. Montalto.

Ayes: Parks, Montalto, Wise, Keplinger

Nays: None

Motion unanimously approved.

### NEW BUSINESS

Jean Keplinger and Ann Parks met to discuss some new properties that might be worthy of historic designation. They came up with three new properties:

- 1.) 2 Pond View Drive
- 2.) 6156 Pittsford Palmyra Road

### 3.) 86 Lincoln Mills Road

Ann Parks talked to the owner of 6156 Pittsford-Palmyra Road who decided to decline designation because a realtor he spoke to said landmark properties are difficult to sell. She then emailed staff at the Landmark Society concerning this problem, and received a reply that many realtors are misinformed about landmark designation. The Landmark Society provides an annual training session, and more education is required. Discussion followed including updating the brochure. There seems to be a bit of a misconception about what it means to be the owner of an historic home in Perinton. The Commission would also like to explore a few avenues to better serve prospective buyers of designated homes, such as:

- a.) Obtain testimonials from current historic homeowners concerning their experiences working with the commission
- b.) Get realtors involved to learn about what is fact/fiction about the benefits of owning an historic home
- c.) Get the word out to prospective home buyers about the benefits of owning an historic home

The property at 7383 Pittsford Palmyra Road was discussed. The house has a yellow rating, is located between the Hess Station and the new Stonebrook development, and it is falling into a state of disrepair; it may become a safety issue. A. Parks said that she would talk with John Beck and let him know that the Commission will need some documentation or recommendations from the building department/property owners to demonstrate hardship. A formal application is required to come before the HAC in order for the members to make any decisions regarding this property.

The name Le Thi Be Walters has come up recently, regarding her finally proceeding with the development of the properties she owns in the Bushnell's Basin area.

There being no further business, Chairman Ann Parks adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Clay