

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES

August 24, 2022

5:00 pm

Council Board Room
One Batavia City Centre, Batavia NY

Members present: *Connie Boyd, Ryan Duffy, Alexis Green,
Caroline Hosek*

Members absent: none

Others present: Zach Alwardt - Code Enforcement Officer, Meg Chilano –
Recording Secretary

I. Roll Call

Roll call of the members was conducted. Four members were present and Chair Ryan Duffy declared a quorum.

II. Call to order

Mr. Duffy called the meeting to order at 4:57 p.m.

III. Previous Meeting Minutes

There were no corrections and the minutes were approved as written by unanimous consent.

RESULT: Approval of May 25, 2022 meeting minutes.

IV. Proposals

Replace the porch flooring, columns, and railings

Address: *312 East Main Street*

Applicant: Robert and Michele Bialy

Actions:

1. Review application for completeness
2. Public hearing
3. Discussion and action by the board

1. Review Application for Completeness

The board agreed that the application was complete.

2. Public Hearing

Mr. Duffy opened the public hearing at 4:58 p.m.

Mr. Bialy was present to speak about the project. He told the board that he would like to replace the flooring on the porch with a teak product. Ms. Boyd asked if the teak needed staining, and Mr. Bialy answered that he would prefer to keep it natural.

Mr. Bialy explained that recently he was asked to tear down a carriage house built in the 1890s and that he acquired all of the wood. He wants to repurpose the wood for the newel posts and railings. He said that his goal is to get rid of all of the treated wood. He noted that now the stairs are constructed of treated wood, but that they will eventually be changed.

Mr. Bialy had samples of the wood and showed the board examples of how the pieces would fit together. He affirmed that the colors would remain the same, with the top rail yellow and everything below white. The only different aspect will be the blue strip, which will be painted white.

Mr. Alwardt pointed out that even though Mr. Bialy was unsure his ability to finish the columns this year, if the board wished also to approve the columns, Mr. Alwardt would issue the permit to cover everything, just in case Mr. Bialy managed to find the time.

Mr. Duffy closed the public hearing at 5:07 p.m.

3. Discussion and Action by the Board

MOTION: Ms. Boyd moved to approve the project as presented; Ms. Green seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

RESULT: Approval of the application.

V. Adjournment

The board adjourned at 5:14 p.m.



Meg Chilano
Recording Secretary