

VILLAGE OF BALDWINSVILLE
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 6, 2006, 7:00 P.M.
Approved 3/6/06

PRESENT: Sarah Baker, Chairperson
Evelyn Mercer
Connie Taft
Toni Kleist
Dean Johnson

ALSO PRESENT: Susan LaQuay, Secretary

GUESTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by C. Taft and second by E. Mercer that the minutes of the January 2, 2006 meeting of the Architectural Review Board be approved as submitted. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding murals on buildings within the Village...

Chairperson Baker stated she had been approached by the Women's Garden Club. They had observed the mural on the Styers' building on the southwest corner of Oswego Street, which has significantly deteriorated. They provided Chairperson Baker with a photograph of a mural on a building in Pittsford that depicts the Erie Canal as it was in the 19th century and asked if this could possibly be done to replace the old mural.

Chairperson Baker stated she would like to address the issue of murals, as there is nothing regarding them in the guidelines and she would like the Board to consider amending them to avoid potential problems in the future.

D. Johnson stated he does not feel that a mural would look very good painted on brick. E. Mercer and Chairperson Baker both agreed.

Chairperson Baker noted an advertisement on side of old Gazette building. She stated this is an original authentic advertisement that was uncovered when the Palace Theater came down in 1976. She stated this sort of original signage from the 19th century is significant to the Village's history and is acceptable. She noted it was refurbished, as it was historical to Baldwinsville. However, she feels that brand new murals need to be addressed and a distinction between the 2 needs to be made in the guidelines.

C. Taft noted the mural on the back of the old Titcomb's building and feels this would be a good example of what is not desirable.

Chairperson Baker stated she will research this from other municipalities, but noted there is not much to refer to. She felt it may be as easiest just to say that murals cannot go on 19th century buildings as they are not historical and do not adhere to the color palate.

E. Mercer suggested they look at the guidelines that Skaneateles uses regarding murals. Chairperson Baker noted they do have guidelines, but they are not quite as structured. They are typically determined on a case-by-case basis and are very subjective

C. Taft asked what would happen if someone wanted to refurbish the murel on the Styers' building. Chairperson Baker noted this had been done in 1976 as a bicentennial project. She felt the Board may want to consider this.

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The Applicant did not attend the meeting. Therefore, Chairperson Baker stated this application may be heard at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next Architectural Review Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. LaQuay
Architectural Review Board Secretary