

**LOWELL HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING**

**MAY 9, 2016**

**4:00PM**

Chairman Floyd called the meeting to order at 4:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Recording Secretary Dianna Cade took roll call. Members answering the roll call were Ken Floyd, Connie Schrombeck, Susan Riley and David Schoon. Clifford Tetrault was absent. Also present was Carl Ferro, Building Administrator, Jeff Sheridan, Town Manager, Will Farrellbegg Town Councilman and two (2) citizens.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Schrombeck made a motion to approve the March 1st, 2016 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Schoon and carried with a voice vote of all ayes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PETITION: HISTORIC #16-018, 407 E. COMMERCIAL, LOWELL, IN (now known as Historic #16-019)**

**PETITIONER: Mike Taylor, 7124 W. 144<sup>th</sup> Ave., Cedar Lake, IN**

**REQUEST: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS, 407 E. Commercial Ave., Lowell, IN 46356**

**PURPOSE: Painting and Signage**

Mr. Mike Taylor, approached the podium, he is the owner of 407 E. Commercial Ave., Lowell, In. He thanked the Board for taking the time to meet with them today. Mr. Taylor discussed the work that they have done on the inside of the building. Mr. Taylor stated that they would like to stay with the same paint scheme that is on there now with the exception of the door, lights and the awning, which they would like to paint white. So anything that is currently green they would like to paint white and add the signage. Mr. Taylor discussed the signage that they would like to put up he said he did the mock up on the sign quickly and forgot to put the phone number on there. He stated that the sign would be split, because it is two business, a coffee shop up front and the artwork in the back which will include his metal art and his wife's homemade personal care products and gift baskets.

Mr. Schoon asked if the picket fence would still be in the background on the sign. Mr. Taylor stated no and discussed how the signs would be hung. Discussion followed on the original façade which Mr. Floyd believes is behind the wood. Mr. Floyd stated that they should not disturb the original façade at all when they are handing the signage. Mr. Floyd asked about the paint that would be used on the awning. Discussion followed on the awning. Discussion followed on the goose neck lights.

Mr. Floyd asked if the signage would both be the same colors. Mr. Floyd stated that the email said the signage was not exact. Mr. Taylor stated that is in reference to the

graphics themselves and the phone number needs to be added. Ms. Riley asked if there is a COA on the sign because it is not included on the application that was filled out. Mr. Taylor stated that he did not know he needed one, he called and asked that to be added after he had submitted the application. Mr. Floyd stated that I believe that sign board is required. Mr. Taylor asked what sign board was. Mr. Ferro explained that it is a marine plywood and the specifics of the product. Mr. Taylor stated that he will make sure that is what is used.

Ms. Riley asked if there would be two (2) signs and to confirm if the picket fence is getting taken. Mr. Taylor stated it will be one board, split in the middle with two separate graphics and the picket fence in the background of the picture submitted will be taken down. Mr. Floyd stated the size has to meet the requirements of the Town. Mr. Ferro stated you have fifty' (50) for signage. Mr. Floyd asked if the goosenecks will be lighted. Mr. Taylor stated he was going to try. Mr. Sheridan asked if the gooseneck lights will be the primary illumination of the signs. Mr. Taylor stated yes. Discussion followed on the type of bulbs that would be used.

Mr. Schoon asked if there was a second story on the building. Discussion followed.

Ms. Riley asked for clarification on the type of wood that needs to be used for the sign. Mr. Ferro stated signboard. Discussion followed.

Ms. Riley asked the petitioner if this COA was going to get updated with the signage information that we talked about. Mr. Taylor stated that he would try and put together something including adding the phone number on the creative metal side of the sign and try to put together a better picture for you guys. Ms Riley asked the Board if the signage was something they wanted to do. Ms. Riley stated yes. Mr. Floyd told the petitioner that the board is probably looking for a pretty distinct sign before they approve anything. Mr. Ferro asked the petitioner if the sign company could give him a print and drop it off. Mr. Taylor stated that he could get something pretty quick in the next couple days. Discussion followed on the color temperature of outdoor lighting.

Discussion followed on the color of the signage. Mr. Floyd stated that approving the painting will be no problem but the approving signage that is not exact will be hard for the Board. Mr. Farrellbegg approached the podium and stated he is a Town Councilman, and Mike wants to get the painting done if that can get passed he can at least get the façade done and if there is issues with the signage we can schedule another meeting for that. Discussion followed on approving the signage. Mr. Sheridan suggested making it a condition on approval. Discussion followed.

It was decided that the petitioner would send an electronic copy of the signage to Town Hall and the Board would come in to view the signage and vote that way.

**Ms. Riley made a motion to approve the Findings of Fact for the exterior painting as it does meet the guidelines, seconded by Mr. Schoon and carried with a voice vote of all ayes.**

**Ms. Riley made a motion to approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the exterior painting as it does meet the guidelines, seconded by Mrs. Schrombeck and carried with a voice vote of all ayes.**

**MOTION PASSED ON PAINTING.**

**Ms. Riley made a motion to approve the Findings of Fact for the signage on the condition that a Certificate of Appropriateness is submitted along with a more exact version of signage. The Board will receive an electronic copy and they will each come in individually to Town Hall to vote on it, seconded by Mr. Schoon and carried with a voice vote of all ayes.**

**Ms. Riley made a motion to conditionally approve the Certificate of Appropriateness if a COA is submitted and the signage meets the design guidelines, seconded by Mrs. Schrombeck, and carried with a voice vote of all ayes.**

**MOTION PASSED WITH CONDITIONS.**

**Mr. Sheridan discussed with the petitioner what was needed on the electronic version of the signage that was going to be submitted for the Board's approval.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further questions or comments, Mrs. Schrombeck made a motion to adjourn at 4:35pm, seconded by Mr. Schoon and carried by voice vote.

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Ken Floyd

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Clifford Tetrault