

Village of Springville
Historic Preservation Commission

January 10, 2022 7:00 pm

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Village of Springville was held at the Municipal Building, 65 Franklin Street, Springville, New York at the above date and time. Present were:

Absent

Members:

Bill Skura Chairman
Helen Brogan
Don Orton
John Baronich
Eric Tuburdyke

Also present:

Reed Brayman
Mike Cappella-Salem Lutheran Church
Chris Wojtowicz-41 E. Main Street
Clair Wrazin-41 E. Main Street

Clerk:

Jennifer Blumenstein

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Skura called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Chairman Skura asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2021 meeting.

John Baronich made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Don Orton. All in favor, none opposed.

A Certificate of Appropriateness came before the Board on November 8, 2021 for a sign at 91 E. Main Street, but the Board TABLED this due to lack of information. Mike Cappella spoke to the Board on behalf of the Salem Lutheran Church regarding this Certificate. He explained to the Board that the proposed sign would be an Electric Sign similar to a computer screen which would be encased in the existing masonry casing and would only have text, no graphics. Mike said it would have a white background and black text. There will be no flashing or flipping of the screen.

Salem Lutheran Church wants the Electric Sign to make it easier to advertise church services, the Pastor and any upcoming events such as Thanksgiving dinner, free Hot Dogs or Spaghetti night. The Electric Sign would make changing the signage much easier than having to go outside and change the sign manually.

Salem Lutheran Church brought a similar Certificate of Appropriateness before the Board back in 2018 which was denied due to the type of signage.

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Bill Skura spoke about how this type of Signage is not allowed in the Historic District. Our Design Standards clearly state that Electric (digital) signage is prohibited. Mr. Skura also informed Mike Cappella that he may grieve this decision with the Village of Springville.

Mike Cappella was told that the Board would discuss this and inform him of the decision and what the next steps would be in the process.

After much discussion, Chairman Skura asked for a motion.

Motion was made by John Baronich, seconded by Don Orton to Deny the Certificate of Appropriateness and to send Salem Lutheran Church a letter informing them of the decision. All in favor, none opposed.

The next Certificate of Appropriateness came from Chris Mojtowicz from 41 E. Main Street. He is looking for approval of a sign to advertise his business Velvet & Wood Upholstery. He would use the existing signage that is already on the building, but would be changing the wording. Clair Wrazin will be doing the painting on the sign and attached the alteration to the Certificate.

After some discussion, Chairman Skura asked for a motion.

Motion was made by Don Orton to accept the application as presented, seconded by Helen Brogan to. All in favor, none opposed.

The Board discussed the Design Standards. After much discussion, the Board decided that no changes needed at this time. They must be more diligent and consistent moving forward.

Don Orton made the motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm, seconded by Eric Tuburdyke. All in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Blumenstein