



Town of Stowe- Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2023

A meeting of the Stowe Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) was held on Wednesday September 20, 2023, at approximately 5:15 pm.

Participation was in person at the Akeley Memorial Building, online or telephone via Zoom.

Members Present: McKee Macdonald, George Bambara, Tyson Bry, Barbara Baraw, Shap Smith, Cindy McKechnie (alternate), and Chris Carey (alternate)

Staff Present: Ryan Morrison, Sarah McShane

The meeting was called to order at 5:18pm by McKee Macdonald (chair).

Project #:	7254
Owner:	Jonathan Shallman
Tax Parcel #:	7A-050.000
Location:	144 Main St
Project:	Construct a new porch and balcony, a covered entry, and new dormers
Zoning:	VC10/SHOD

Greg Thomas and Laura Vilalta (owner) were in attendance. Mr. Thomas presented the application, which is to construct a new porch and balcony, a covered entry and new dormers. This project was first heard as an informal review at the July 19th SHPC meeting, where feedback was provided to the applicant. The applicant submitted a formal application and presented revised plans at this meeting. Barbara Baraw commented that the screen railing on the porch/balcony is out of character with the federal style architecture – there's way too much going on with regards to railings & screening on the porch/balcony and there is competition between different architectural styles. She also noted that she is not in favor of the upper-level balcony because it would mean the brick siding would have to be broken through for a door. George Bambara asked if they have approval for the temporary stair access that will block the sidewalk. The Applicant responded that they have not. B. Baraw stated that the windows on the front façade should line up with each other vertically. The Commission provided the applicant with recommendations on how to move forward with the project. The Applicant will return with revised plans.

Other Business:

- Discussion regarding the dilapidated Mayo Farm Barn. Chris Jolly (Dept. of Public Works) presented plans to add slider doors on the barn structure. The barn recently suffered damage during a storm – where the walls were pushed a few feet off the foundation. The Town plans to rebuild the barn as it is now, with the addition of slider doors to make the structure fully enclosed. Mr. Jolly presented a few door options. George Bambara stated that he preferred doors with no windows. The overall consensus of the Commission was that they are okay with the placement of doors on the structure. George Bambara made the motion to approve any of the door options presented. Chris Carey seconded the motion and the proposal was approved unanimously.
- Chris Carey brought to the Commission's attention a mechanical unit that was placed on top of the new 109 Main Street building, without the proper screening. He noted that more are anticipated. The Commission recommended that Mr. Carey present a mock-up drawing showing all rooftop mechanical units and applicable screening for their consideration. A site visit was

also noted as a possibility. Mr. Carey expects to submit those mock-up drawings shortly, as well as a new zoning permit application.

Review Meeting Minutes:

No changes or edits were made to the prior meeting minutes. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ryan Morrison, Deputy Zoning Administrator