

HARB MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2012 HARB MEETING

HARB Report-Chairman Andrew Harding presented recommendations for approval of the following applications:

Enchanted Hollow, 2 applied letter signs on the East Avenue side and one applied lettering sign on the Alley side of 6 East Ave were approved by motion of Councilor John Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Mike Wood, and carried unanimously.

First Citizens National Bank, change of name from 'National' to 'Community' 1 Pearl Street approved by motion of Councilor John Sticklin, seconded by Councilor Mike Wood, and carried unanimously.

Wired Rooster, one 38.25" x 130" sign at 76 Main Street, with removal of awning and centering the sign approved by motion of Councilor Terry Bryant, seconded by Councilor Mike Wood, and carried 5-1 with Councilor Hart opposed.

John Albrecht, 151 Main St. approved with the condition that the siding matches the house by motion of Councilor John Sticklin, seconded by Councilor John Wheeler, and carried unanimously.

Sign at Rock L. Butler School- the Zoning Hearing Board approved the variance request of the School to allow LED interior lit sign despite knowledge of the ordinance prohibiting signs of this type. Councilor Bowers made a motion authorizing Dan to appeal to the County Courts to reverse the Zoning Board decision. Councilor Wheeler seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.

Wellsboro Art Club Mural-action on this item was tabled, after Council learned the HARB ordinance prohibits murals not promoting business.

Meeting Minutes for Historic Architectural Review Board

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Present for HARB: Andy Harding, Jay Erb, Bill Yaccovissi, Daryl Stratton, Toni Grabowski, Teresa Capuzzo.

Sue Keck, Dan Strausser, and Joan Hart represented the Borough.

Janice and Charlie Lockett presented an application for signs for her Enchanted Boutique store on East Avenue. The signs were already in place, both on the windows, on a sidewalk board, and on a banner hanging above the store. The signs were deemed appropriate, and Ms. Lockett was informed of the time allowances restricting the banner's use. Andy Harding moved to recommend approval to the signs; Jay Erb seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

Jeff Wilson presented an application for First Citizens National Bank, which will become First Citizens Community Bank at the end of the month. The bank requested approval to change the name, which is in individual letters and a different length, on the side of the main building on East Ave. Andy Harding moved to recommend approval of the application, Teresa Capuzzo seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

An application for a sign for the Wired Rooster coffee shop was presented by Jim Cooper of The Sign Shop, and the store's. Discussion focused on the very modern design of the logo, which is all that will comprise the sign. LED lighting on the back of the sign will wash light onto the wall behind it, with no direct lighting used. Andy Harding moved to recommend approval of the application, Toni Grabowski seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

Janet Gykes, Erica Mitchell, Maureen Babb, Martha Blackwell, and Mary Domarew presented a plan for the Wellsboro Art Club to paint a community mural to on the side of Al Garrison's building on Main St. Preliminary drawings for the mural, which is actually three separate pieces, were presented. Discussion centered on two main points. The first was the merit of the design itself. The general consensus was that the design, although generally attractive, was not a contiguous whole. The second point was whether a mural was permissible within the HARB district. Bill Yacovisi read from the relevant section of the HARB's rules, which indicate that it would be in violation of HARB code, and he could therefore not vote for it if it were put to a vote. Teresa Capuzzo agreed. The discussion was lengthy in opposition to the mural and its inappropriateness because of its urban nature in a Victorian-era village trying to maintain that integrity. It was finally decided that since HARB would likely oppose any such application, Andy Harding and Teresa Capuzzo would take a walking tour of downtown with members of the art club armed with a map of the HARB restricted area, and find walls on which the mural—or the mural in three separate sections—would be an addition rather than a detraction to the charm of the town.

John Albrecht presented an application for a garage under construction at his building at 151 Main St. All agreed it was a vast improvement from the structure it replaced. Andy Harding moved to recommend approval of the application, Teresa Capuzzo seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.