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March 25, 2021
Zoom Meeting
Brighton Town Hall
2300 Elmwood Avenue
Rochester, New York 14618

PRESENT:

JERRY LUDWIG, CHAIRPERSON
WAYNE GOODMAN)
DAVID WHITAKER)
JUSTIN DEL VECCHIO *)
JOHN PAGE) BOARD MEMBERS
DIANA ROBINSON)
AMANDA DREHER)

MARY JO LANPHEAR
Town Historian

KEN GORDON, ESQ.
Town Attorney

RAMSEY A. BOEHNER
Town Planner

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1 MR. BOEHNER: Anyone for open forum if you
2 could please raise your hand.

3 MR. CARLOCK: One moment. Give Ruby a
4 second. She just joined.

5 MR. GORDON: I was going to -- just having
6 somebody join here.

7 MR. CARLOCK: Ramsey, could you repeat the
8 question?

9 MR. BOEHNER: Someone is trying to --

10 MR. GORDON: She's not in yet.

11 MR. BOEHNER: -- join the open forum. It's
12 Ruby R.

13 MR. GORDON: I'm sure she's still connecting
14 by audio.

15 MR. BOEHNER: She looks like she's still
16 trying to connect.

17 MR. GORDON: Right.

18 MR. BOEHNER: I imagine she wants to talk in
19 the open forum. Ruby R., if you do want to talk, if
20 you could raise your hand. This is an opportunity in
21 the open forum to discuss anything that you would like
22 to discuss with the Commission.

23 MS. LAMPHEAR: Is there a raise your hand
24 function in Zoom or is it --

25 MR. BOEHNER: Yes. There is a raise your

1 hand function in Zoom.

2 MS. LAMPHEAR: Where does one find that?

3 The bottom --

4 MS. DREHER: It's under reactions at the
5 bottom.

6 MS. LAMPHEAR: Oh. Okay. Yeah. I see.
7 Yup. Thanks. I don't want to raise my hand. I was
8 just curious.

9 MR. BOEHNER: We'll give it a few more
10 minutes in case Ruby R. wants to talk with us, but if
11 not -- I will ask them to start their video if they
12 want to raise their hand that way.

13 Ruby R. will start video later. Ruby R., do
14 you want to approach the board during the open forum?

15 MR. WHITAKER: Well, you tried.

16 MR. BOEHNER: Just give them a little time
17 then. Let me check the chats here. On that note, I'm
18 not seeing a raised hand. I'd say, Jerry, that there
19 appears to be no one that wants to speak during the
20 open forum.

21 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Very good. I'd like to
22 call the meeting to order. Ramsey, would you call the
23 roll, please?

24 MR. BOEHNER: Member Ludwig?

25 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Here.

1 MR. BOEHNER: Robinson? Robinson?

2 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: I see her.

3 MS. ROBINSON: Okay. There I am. Here I
4 am.

5 MR. BOEHNER: Okay. Goodman?

6 MR. GOODMAN: Here.

7 MR. BOEHNER: Whitaker?

8 MR. WHITAKER: Here.

9 MR. BOEHNER: Page?

10 MS. PAGE: Here.

11 MR. BOEHNER: Dreher.

12 MS. DREHER: Here.

13 MR. BOEHNER: Del Vecchio? Is not present.

14 All present except Member Del Vecchio.

15 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay. I'd like a
16 motion to approve the agenda.

17 MR. WHITAKER: I --

18 MR. PAGE: I will -- I will make that
19 motion.

20 MR. WHITAKER: I'll second.

21 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Thank you, John. Thank
22 you, David. All in favor?

23 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

24 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Agenda is approved.

25 Minutes from the February 25th meeting. Any additions

1 or corrections?

2 MS. DREHER: Yes, I have two corrections.
3 On page 2, line 2, it says "City of Brighton." It
4 should be "Town of Brighton." And on page 23, line
5 23, it says "here" and it should be "hearings."

6 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay.

7 MS. DREHER: Those were the only substantive
8 ones I found.

9 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: I have on page 14, line
10 3, and line 13, on page 50, line 5, it's "culled" and
11 it should be "called." And on page 14, line 5,
12 there's a statement "casements up in the gable vents,"
13 talking about the pool house. I have no idea what
14 "casements up in the gable vents" mean. Does anybody
15 remember? Probably not the end of the world if we
16 don't.

17 MS. DREHER: Isn't that when John was
18 speaking about the type of siding and trim they were
19 going to use? He had some experience with the trim
20 used.

21 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: But these are casement
22 windows, but they're talking about "up in the gable
23 vents." It just didn't make sense.

24 MR. PAGE: It's probably the "gable end."

25 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay. Yup. That would

1 make sense.

2 MS. LAMPHEAR: That would make sense.

3 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay. Very good. Any
4 other additions or corrections? Motion to approve
5 with corrections?

6 MS. DREHER: I'll move. Amanda Dreher.

7 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Second, please.

8 MR. WHITAKER: I'll second.

9 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: All in favor?

10 MR. BOEHNER: Whitaker seconds.

11 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: All in favor?

12 ALL BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Was this meeting --
14 what this meeting duly advertised?

15 MR. BOEHNER: It was advertised in the
16 Brighton-Pittsford Post of March 11th, 2021.

17 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: That meeting that was
18 duly advertised will now be held. We have no
19 communications, no designation of landmarks, no
20 certificates of appropriateness, no hardship
21 applications. Public hearings are now closed. Motion
22 to adjourn? No, we got --

23 MR. BOEHNER: We've got two very quick
24 matters to discuss then everyone can go on their way.

25 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: I'll let you go first.

1 I have one thing to add too. Go ahead, Ramsey.

2 MR. BOEHNER: Well, the question I have for
3 this Board is that we do have funds to hire
4 professional consulting services to do surveys for us
5 in case we have a property that's threatened or if we
6 want to have property -- surveys that have been
7 performed updated or if we want new properties to be
8 surveyed. I would need to go out and issue an RFP
9 asking people to submit proposals to provide those
10 services. And I just want to make sure that is
11 something that you would want me to do.

12 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: I don't have the
13 current list of -- I know it's been sent out. I don't
14 have it right before me. I looked for it. I can't
15 find it. Would you send out a list of properties that
16 have been surveyed but not designated, Ramsey?

17 MR. BOEHNER: Yup.

18 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: In case -- we've been
19 through that list before and I think we narrowed it
20 down pretty well. I think we --

21 MR. BOEHNER: The question is, and I'd like
22 to discuss this at the next meeting, Jerry, is that we
23 come to the next meeting with ideas of there are
24 properties that you'd like to have surveyed or
25 updated --

1 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Yes.

2 MR. BOEHNER: -- and discuss that at the
3 next meeting. In the meantime what I'm asking is to
4 be able to go out, and if you concur with me, send out
5 the RFP for professional consulting services.

6 MR. PAGE: I would like that done.

7 MR. BOEHNER: I would have to go to the Town
8 Board for that process and it takes a little while.

9 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: I think that's an
10 appropriate thing to do. Anyone opposed to that? I
11 think -- I think that's fine, Ramsey.

12 MR. BOEHNER: I just wanted to check before
13 I went down that road.

14 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Sure. Well, Thank you.
15 Anything else from you, Ramsey?

16 MR. BOEHNER: No. It was just more of I was
17 checking in and making sure I'm going in the right
18 direction.

19 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay. I had a call
20 from Dave Driscoll who lives down in the farmhouse on
21 the corner of Parsons and East Avenue. And he wants
22 to put a -- he's got a couple of grandkids and wants
23 to put a swing set up in the side yard there facing
24 Parsons Road. And I didn't know whether that's
25 something we needed a certificate of appropriateness

1 for or not. I would hope not, but you never know.

2 MS. ROBINSON: No.

3 MR. WHITAKER: Is it permanent?

4 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: No. Well, I mean, it
5 certainly -- it can be taken down.

6 MR. BOEHNER: It's not subject to a building
7 permit --

8 MR. WHITAKER: Yeah.

9 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: It would be?

10 MR. BOEHNER: It's not.

11 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay. Then do we want
12 to --

13 MR. BOEHNER: Well, no. That's a little bit
14 different. That's one of the things you're looking at
15 if something needs to come in for a certificate of
16 appropriateness, is it something that requires a
17 building permit?

18 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Right.

19 MR. BOEHNER: Because before I issue a
20 building permit for a property that's been designated
21 by you guys, I have to make sure they come in and get
22 the appropriate certificate of appropriateness.

23 But a swing set by our Town Code under our
24 Section -- Chapter, I think it's 73, our Building Code
25 Section, swing sets and playsets and --

1 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay.

2 MR. BOEHNER: -- those alike are not
3 required to get a permit. I assume this is just a
4 basic swing set.

5 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: I believe so. It's --
6 you can't have metal ones anymore. So, I guess it's
7 wood. He did check with the neighbors. No one has an
8 objection.

9 MR. BOEHNER: Probably what would be good is
10 to get the details to what he's proposing. So, we can
11 take a hard look at it, Jerry.

12 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay. That's fine.

13 MR. BOEHNER: And then we can -- I can make
14 a determination if --

15 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: All right.

16 MR. BOEHNER: -- if a certificate of
17 appropriateness is needed. Because some of these
18 things that come down is -- is it permanent or not?
19 You'd be surprised at some of these swing sets and
20 play forts that come in.

21 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: All right. Sure. And
22 the other thing is I think -- and I brought this up a
23 couple meetings ago -- I'd like to get the
24 Commission's thoughts whether or not we could exclude
25 air conditioning compressors and generators and so

1 forth from needing a certificate of appropriateness
2 since they do require a building permit, I would
3 think.

4 MR. BOEHNER: Yup. They do.

5 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: So, anything else along
6 those lines that might trigger a C of A that we could
7 exclude from our agenda I think might be a good thing.

8 MR. BOEHNER: Mm-hmm.

9 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: So, folks, just think
10 about that, please, for our next meeting.

11 MR. GORDON: And then what I would suggest,
12 Jerry, is if you can come up with that list and agree
13 upon it as a Board, perhaps you can pass a resolution
14 requesting that the Town Board take action to amend
15 the historic preservation law to exempt that work from
16 the need to get a certificate of appropriateness.

17 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Okay.

18 MR. GORDON: We can have some formal
19 communication go over to the Town Board and then let
20 the Town Board take what action they may.

21 CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Very good. Okay.
22 Thank you. Any other new business? Any other old
23 business? Motion to adjourn?

24 MR. BOEHNER: Thank you everyone. Just a
25 quick one.

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CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Motion to adjourn?

MR. WHITAKER: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Thank you, David.

MR. PAGE: Second.

MS. ROBINSON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON LUDWIG: Thank you, Diana.

MR. WHITAKER: Nice to see you all.

MR. DEL VECCHIO: Have a great night.

(Proceedings concluded.)

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