

**ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVANCY ONTARIO
PORT HOPE BRANCH
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Place: Zoom
Time: Thursday, December 3, 2020 7p.m.
Present: Bruce Bowden, Anna Gray, Julie Mavis, Ian MacKay, Susan Layard, Bill Bickle, Moya McPhail, Hugh Parker, Phil Carter and Susan Carmichael

Regrets: Marielle Lambert

Guests: Marie Jones, Patsy Beeson

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

AGENDA:

MOTION: to Approve Agenda
(Moya/ Ian) **CARRIED**

MINUTES:

MOTION: to Approve Minutes of November 5, 2020
(Bill/Anna) **CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE: No Report

CHAIR'S REPORT: Bruce Bowden

- Most of this month's activity focussed on the Opera House.
- Due to this activity a report on Branch's yearly activity was not submitted to Acorn.
- Bill continued to video homes and interviews for future use.
- Hugh and John Matthew continue to work on Auction receipting.
- Members were advised of the Conditional sale of the Opera house and invited to attend a virtual presentation. 60 households participated and around 10 experienced difficulty gaining access to the presentation.
- Received praise from our members on a clearly presented and well-unified presentation by ACO and HopeTowns Ventures.
- A deserved thank you to Julie and the Opera House Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hugh Parker

- Bank Balance - \$79,900.
- Account Receivable – HopeTowns Ventures - \$5,750.
- Auction - \$6,000.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ANTIQUES & ARTIFACTS: Peter Duck/Sharon Hancock via email**
 - The Auction Committee are very pleased to present a cheque for \$6,000 from the last online auction. Sharon and Peter thank all the members for their help during this very challenging time.
 - The ACO thanks Sharon and Peter and their committee for their continued hard work and huge success in these online auctions,

- **ADVOCACY: Susan Layard/Bruce Bowden**
Susan
 - Penryn Estate – The Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) has received a Letter of Appeal – Re: Mason Homes – Phase 5. The decision on planning applications made by AON and Mason Homes now rests exclusively with LPAT. This item will be added to the Advocacy Committee meeting
 - Heritage Register – work continues with only 2 properties left to complete.
 - 65 Ward St. Southbridge was given an additional 35 beds by the province and has asked the Municipality for an extension to December 31, 2021. Not sure how they will accommodate the additional beds as they complained the lot was not big enough for the original 160.

- **COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING: Marielle Lambert/Bill Bickle**
Bill
 - Filming of several properties including Rose Cottage has been completed with interviews. Editing to be completed in the near future.
 - A communication plan was presented for the Opera House. It was agreed no communication until the conditions on the Purchase agreement have been satisfied. A press release to be prepared for early January telling the ACO contribution to the Opera House restoration.

- **EVENTS: Marielle Lambert**
 - No Report

- **FUND RAISING: Anna Gray/Moya McPhail**
 - No Report

- **GOVERNANCE: Ian MacKay**
 - Confirmed Nina-Marie Lister will be available as a speaker for the virtual AGM on Feb. 18, 2021

- **MEMBERSHIP: Anna Gray**
 - Anna contacted Will Coukell about \$2,400. In the PayPal account that we are unable to access. A letter from ACO Central (who set up the account) has been sent to PayPal which may take 6 to 8 months to resolve. ACO Central is perhaps changing to Square.
 - Membership fees will change for 2021 but nothing official has been received from ACO Central.

- **NEWSLETTER/BUS TOUR/DISCOVERY: Patsy Beeson**
 - Next Newsletter deadline will be mid-January 2021

- **NEXT GEN: Derek Hurlburt**
 - No report

- **NOMINATIONS - Awards: Bruce Bowden**
 - No Report

- **NOMINATIONS – Directors: Ian MacKay**
 - Committee has confirmed 2 individuals with continued looking for several more.

- **OPERA HOUSE PROJECT –Julie Mavis**
 - Presentation on December 1 to the Membership via Zoom ACO, Opera House Committee and HopeTowns Ventures – great turnout (about 60 households) with minimal response and only positive comments.
 - Awaiting final report for the conditions to be removed to complete the sale.

- **PROJECTS: Phil Carter**
 - Participated in a ZOOM meeting with the Town on the future of Walton Street.
 - Sewer and water to be updated in the near future which will mean a lot of construction. Some discussion on how the street should look after the construction.
 - Phil expressed a concern that Port Hope should not look like other small towns in Ontario but rather keep its unique identity.

- **PROPERTY: Derek Hurlburt**
 - No Report

- **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - No Report

- **HPH – Marie Jones**
 - Paint colours – several comments on the colour of Penny & Co. store front colour. This will be addressed
 - Continue to receive applications for changes to heritage properties
 - Les Andrews has spoken to the new owner of the File Factory
 - Window workshop planned for 2021 will highlight the value of restored/reconstructed windows versus vinyl

MEETING CONCLUDED: 8:30 pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday January 7, 2021

Minutes recorded by Susan Carmichael