

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**ALTON HISTORIC COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 8:00 am**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Doug Bader, Monica Mason, Mary Anderson, Diane Plummer and Matt Asselmeier

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jonas Janek

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Warren Fischbeck, Sam Shaw, Code Inspector for Building & Zoning

The meeting of the Alton Historic Commission was called to order by Doug Bader at 8:01 am on January 5, 2016.

After a review of the minutes for December 15, 2015, Matt Asselmeier stated a correction needed to be made; Debbie Beck was listed as a member absent and she was not a member and should be removed. Diane Plummer moved to accept the minutes as amended. Mary Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPLICATIONS:**

The commission took up the application for **619 Bond St.** Warren Fischbeck, the owner, took the floor. He stated that he is building a new garage in the same area that the old garage use to be. Fischbeck stated that the garage will be 14 ft. in height, with it being attached to the house and partially under the front porch. The garage will have a flat top roof, so that the part of the garage that goes out past the porch will become a deck. He stated that he will have a tarred roof with wood decking over it and 32" handrail going around it. The commission stated that the spindles to the handrail should be sandwiched between two ledger boards. Fischbeck stated, depending on the cost, he would put up carriage doors, or the roll-type garage door with a carriage door style. Sam Shaw, Code Inspector for Building & Zoning then explained to Fischbeck that he would have to drywall the inside portion of the garage, that was under the porch, with fire rated drywall. Shaw then asked if Fischbeck was planning on leaving the door, if so what type of door was it. Fischbeck stated that it was a solid wood door and Shaw stated that the door would not have to be replaced, but the window that was next to the door would have to be enclosed with the drywall. Fischbeck stated that he understood.

Mary Anderson made a motion to accept the application as presented. Monica Mason seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR MIDDLETOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT:**

Matt Asselmeier stated that he has been in touch with Matt Bivens reference a public hearing. Asselmeier stated that Bivens responded that an evening meeting would work better, starting around 7:00 pm, a 30 day notice would need to be placed in a public paper and various other places in the city. A discussion then ensued. It was decided that this meeting should be separate from a regularly scheduled meeting. The date was set for March 8<sup>th</sup>, contingent upon being able to reserve the Council Chambers and if the speaker, Matt Bivens, would be available.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The commission then asked Sam Shaw if he knew if the following addresses had building permits, because they were in the historic district, but had not come before the commission:

628 Henry – Has permits. Shaw stated that he would contact the owner and explain that since he was now doing some exterior remodeling he would need to come before the commission.

531 E. 7<sup>th</sup> – Has permits. Shaw stated that he would contact the owner and explain that any exterior remodeling would need to go before the commission.

831 Henry – Does not have permits. Closing in a carport and attaching it to the residence. Shaw stated that he would contact the owner and explain that she would need to come before the commission and was required to have a building permit. After the meeting, research was done by Shaw and it was discovered that the correct address was 830 Henry.

609 E 7<sup>th</sup> – Fire damaged. Is the house going to be rehabbed? Shaw stated that he was unsure and he would have to research it.

SS Peter & Paul School – Structurally unsound, are they going to re-open? Shaw stated that our office has not been contacted at this time.

Matt Asselmeier reminded everyone that the CLG end of year report would be coming due. Bader asked if anyone went to any trainings, conferences and/or speaking sessions to send this information to Debbie Beck.

Doug Bader then asked for the commission to start thinking about the awards. He stated that they would be done again in September.

There being no further discussion or comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 am

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie J. Beck  
Secretary