

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
Held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building  
On Wednesday, June 9, 2021**

The Chairman, Matt Smith, called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

**Roll Call**

Members: Present – Vice Chairman Ralph White; Lois Shinko; Clint Gault; Chairman Matt Smith

**Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, May 12, 2021**

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Gault to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, May 12, 2021, and approve said minutes as published. The vote was all ayes and the Chairman declared the motion passed.

**Landmarks Letter of Recognition – Ralph White**

Mr. White stated that he did not have anything for this month and he asked if anyone had any suggestions of houses that are on the LPC list that they think are well-maintained, landscaped nicely, and preserved nicely. If not, to keep their eyes open for recognition of any of our houses on the list. One of the houses that he has noticed is the Rodman House on Rt. 83, which is probably two doors north of Bob-O-Link Golf Course on the east side of the road. The new owners of that house have taken good care of it. They have replaced the roof of the barn and landscaped it nicely. It is a well-built, beautiful house, probably built in the early 1920s. It looks like a Craftsman but is probably more of a Colonial.

**Landmark Nominations – Lois Shinko**

Ms. Shinko said that she did not have anything but she mentioned the anniversary party that was coming up. Mr. Smith noted that it was on Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, and Mr. Gault added that, for the record, it is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ms. Shinko's Country Store. Mr. White said that actually it is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Shinkos being antique dealers. 50 years ago, there was a family living in the house where the Country Store is now located. Mr. Gault said but 50 years is an awesome thing to celebrate and they were super excited for Ms. Shinko.

**Comments**

Mr. Smith said that he was up at the Cahoon House several times recently. They have torn out the wood staircase on the side coming up into the kitchen and he knows that Sheri Seroka has been working on the antique furniture and getting things organized.

Mr. White stated that the last time he was there, things appeared to be moving along. He has seen men working almost every day on the deck and it looks interesting what they are doing back there. He believes that the deck is going to be pretty nice; what was there really was not all that great.

Mr. Gault asked Ms. Shinko if she was donating some antique items for the Cahoon House and Ms. Shinko said, yes, she has lots of things to donate. Mr. White noted there was talk of a couple of different people wanting to volunteer time, too, and Ms. Shinko said, yes, there are three or four women who want to help

out with cleaning, etc. Mr. Smith said that if Ms. Shinko talked to any of these women, to please tell them to go and see Sheri Seroka at her shop, Wild Iris Shop, at Olde Avon Village and speak with her about volunteering.

Mr. Gault said it is amazing to him where we were a year ago to where we are now. It was a very big unknown area that we were entering with COVID and the Schools and the City did a great job of navigating through everything. The City is in great shape financially and that ties into the beautification of the City. From the standpoint of the French Creek Foundation, we got all the flowers planted on Detroit Road and as time allows for it, progress is being made on getting the antique light poles down Detroit Road. To him, that is very important. We are fortunate to be in a city where there is revenue and finances coming in and some of that is going toward projects like the light poles which will help to beautify it. When you think about what makes the City of Avon great, he thought a lot of it is the beautification of certain areas, keeping that charm and character. In 25 years, the City is going to be bigger but the question is will we maintain our charm and character. We like to know that the leadership of the City is interested in preserving that and we are fortunate we do have people who care. So it will be so nice one day with the sidewalks, the light poles, and more walkability in the French Creek District. It just makes the community nicer, and will enhance the beauty of all the historic homes and the area that we have.

Mr. Smith asked if Mr. Gault had an idea of when the first light poles will go in and Mr. Gault responded that it is imminent. The last he heard it is starting deeper into the French Creek District and then going out from there, but he does not have an exact date.

Mr. White asked if anybody had a picture of the Old Town Hall with the siren on top from a long time ago, where you could see the cover on the siren. He want to reproduce the cover but does not know what it looked like. He knows that there used to be a cover on the siren but has looked everywhere and cannot find a picture of it.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. White if he had a photograph of the corner of Jaycox and Detroit before ZZ's Bar was there. Was there a farmhouse there? Mr. Smith said he was talking with the current owners of ZZ's and they wanted a photo of the corner before the bar was there so they could put something up on the wall. Mr. White said he had a picture from 1924 of that whole corner; it's the tornado picture with all the trees on that corner and they called it Stickney Corner at that time.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Mr. Smith stated that the next meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission would be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, in the Council Chambers of Avon City Hall at 7:00 P.M.

### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Mr. Gault and seconded by Mr. White to adjourn the meeting and the vote was all ayes. The Chairman declared the motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Transcribed by Gail Hayden, Assistant Clerk of Council