

**MINUTES OF THE COHOES HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND ARCHITECTURAL
REVIEW BOARD HELD MEETING VIRTUALLY VIA THE ZOOM APPLICATION
ON TUESDAY,
APRIL 20, 2021 AT 6:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Daniele Cherniak, Chairperson
Barbara Hildreth, Vice Chairperson
Evan Lamb
John Frainier**

MEMBERS ABSENT: **Thomas Rifenberg**

ALSO PRESENT: **Joseph Seman-Graves, City Planner
Sharon Butler, Administrative Assistant**

Chairperson Cherniak called the meeting of the Historic Preservation and Architectural Review Board to order at 6:32 PM.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 16, 2021 MEETING

Chairperson Cherniak: the first item on our agenda is consideration of the February 16, 2021 meeting minutes. Are there any comments or amendments to the minutes?

Vice Chair Hildreth; no

Chairperson Cherniak; if not do I have a motion to approve the minutes?

Vice Chairperson Hildreth; I make a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting

Chairperson Cherniak; do I have a 2nd?

Member Lamb; I'll 2nd all in favor, motion carried

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Daniele Cherniak	X		
Barbara Hildreth	X		
Thomas Rifenberg	ABSENT		
Evan Lamb	X		
John Frainier	X		

CONSIDERATION OF A NEW SIGN AT 190 REMSEN STREET

Chairperson Cherniak: ok since the applicant is here lets move on to item #4.

Joe Seman-Graves; sorry Daniele we do have Renel for 190 Remsen Street

Chairperson Cherniak; ok they are? Ok so we'll start with then consideration of the sign at 190 Remsen Street. So can the applicant explain a bit on what they're going to do?

Good evening, hi my name is Renel Turner. So I'm looking to open a bakery at 190 Remsen Street. It was previously Cake Streets I believe is the name of the bakery that was there. So, I'm just looking to simply open a bakery. I make all sorts of different treats and so on. I make treats

for humans and I also make dog treats as well. I'm looking to build my business there and have a home there.

Chairperson Cherniak; ok, do any of the board members have questions?

Vice Chair Hildreth; is this sign going to be hung out? Where's the sign being hung?

Ms. Turner; it would be hung, Joe is that you with the curser showing on the screen?

Vice Chair Hildreth; ok got it.

Chairperson Cherniak; so it will replace the previous sign?

Ms. Turner; yes

Chairperson Cherniak; ok are you putting any exterior lighting on it or not?

Ms. Turner; no, I was not

Chairperson Cherniak; alright

Ms. Turner; my plan is simply having the sign and also like, I'll have window decals as well

Chairperson Cherniak; ok, will they be similar in design to your sign or will they just be lettering?

Ms. Turner; they'll just be lettering to say Nelly's Treats and then the sign that will be hanging will have the entire image and also Nelly's Treats on it, that's shown in the presentation.

Chairperson Cherniak; right and the lettering will be a similar font to the one you have on the sign, the window lettering?

Ms. Turner; yes, I'm looking to have it just about identical if not very similar with the wording or the lettering

Chairperson Cherniak; ok

Ms. Turner; the font I should say, excuse me

Chairperson Cherniak; ok anything else from the board?

Vice Chair Hildreth; no

Chairperson Cherniak; Joe do we have any members of the public on?

Joe Seman-Graves; no

Chairperson Cherniak; ok so no public comment then, and nothing written sent in?

Joe Seman-Graves; nope

Chairperson Cherniak; ok so if there are no more questions, do I have a motion to approve the sign?

Member Frainier; I'll make a motion to approve the sign as submitted

Chairperson Cherniak; do I have a 2nd?

Member Lamb; I'll 2nd it.

All in favor motion carried.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Daniele Cherniak	X		
Barbara Hildreth	X		
Thomas Rifenberg	ABSENT		
Evan Lamb	X		
John Frainier	X		

Chairperson Cherniak; ok, thank you very much

Joe Seman-Graves; Renel I'll touch base with you Renel about submitting a building permit to get this sign up

Ms. Turner; awesome, thank you so much you guys have a great evening

Vice Chair Hildreth; when are you opening?

Ms. Turner; oh, I thought I ended the video. I'm hoping very soon, I'm hoping early, well we're already in early spring so late spring if not early summer.

Vice Chair Hildreth; ok, good

Ms. Turner; thank you, hopefully I'll see you soon.

CONSIDERATION OF A NEW SIGN AT 144 REMSEN STREET

Chairperson Cherniak; ok, so our next item is consideration of a sign at 144 Remsen Street.

Joe Seman-Graves; they're not here at the moment. Do you want to go to 86 Remsen?

CONSIDERATION OF A NEW SIGN AT 86 REMSEN STREET

Chairperson Cherniak; ok, so we'll move on to 86 then.

Good evening members of the board this is Brenda Hage, Sweet Happy Days 86 Remsen Street. I had submitted the sign to Joe last week for our ice cream and sweets parlor being designed through Vital Signs. I believe Joe has copy there for you. So the design of the sign will be hung on a 4", I believe Joe also has the picture of that. That comes out of the building, there will be no additional lighting added on to the sign. Maybe down the, in the future if I need to put something on the building I'll come back to the board and get the correct quotes for that as far as the historic society. It looks like on the far north end of the corner of the building where the brick is, it looks like there was an old sign there, so that's where I was anticipating on putting our current sign as well

Chairperson Cherniak; so the bracket you're showing here, is that the one you'll be using?

Ms. Hage; correct

Chairperson Cherniak; and will you have those external lights?

Ms. Hage; no, so there's no lights, on this pole here there's no external lights for this sign

Chairperson Cherniak; but then the brackets show lights on it.

Joe Seman-Graves; Daniele the, there was, I was explaining to the board before you got on, Brenda had changed the design after those packets went out.

Chairperson Cherniak; ok so there will be no lights on the bracket then?

Joe Seman-Graves; right

Ms. Hage; correct

Chairperson Cherniak; and there will be no LED lighting on the sign?

Ms. Hage; correct

Chairperson Cherniak; ok, any other questions? Ok, any, so if there are no other questions or no public comments, do I have a motion to approve the sign?

Vice Chair Hildreth; I make a motion to approve the sign

Chairperson Cherniak; do I have a 2nd?

Member Frainier; I'll 2nd

All in favor, motion carried

Chairperson Cherniak; ok thank you

Ms. Hage; thank you everybody have a good evening.

CONSIDERATION OF A NEW SIGN AT 144 REMSEN STREET

Chairperson Cherniak; we can move on to this sign, I mean if the members of the board don't have any questions or concerns, I mean I guess we can talk about it and see if there are any issues then we'll have to have the applicant provide it.

Joe Seman-Graves; ironically enough the applicant did not submit a sign last month, so there was no meeting. But they were waiting to get into a meeting for some reason so I can't explain that but they, I'm surprised they're not here today. But they did submit a sign design

Vice Chair Hildreth; oh, that's going to be good (design on the screen)

Chairperson Cherniak; so it will be going in the place where the existing sign is?

Joe Seman-Graves; yes

Chairperson Cherniak; and one thing I see on this picture, I don't know if they blanked it out just for some reason, the new glass over the door...

Joe Seman-Graves; that was, that's me I took.....

Chairperson Cherniak; ok, but that is, that will be staying correct?

Joe Seman-Graves; yes

Chairperson Cherniak; ok, just wanted, I thought that was probably something that was an artifact, I just want to make sure that was staying so.

Vice Chair Hildreth; that's great that they are going to use that building, that's super

Chairperson Cherniak; so any concerns about the sign from members of the board? Any questions?

Vice Chair Hildreth; is it just going to be a brown sign with Paint Cohoes Gallery & Studio on it or, in the picture all the lines from the graph papers shine through?

Joe Seman-Graves; if I am.....

Vice Chair Hildreth; ok I have a better view on the screen yes.

Joe Seman-Graves; I don't want to misinterpret it but I believe, I could be wrong, I believe it's going to be the white sign that you see on the right (on the screen).

Vice Chair Hildreth; ok, alright

Chairperson Cherniak; ok yea, that makes more sense from the point of view scale. Ok, so I guess if there are no other questions, if that is the actual sign and they're planning to use the existing bracket, I mean would board members be ok with that?

Vice Chair Hildreth; yes

Chairperson Cherniak; ok, so if that's what the applicants plans on, can I have a motion to approve that plan?

Member Frainier; I make the motion

Chairperson Cherniak; 2nd?

Vice Chair Hildreth; I 2nd it.

All in favor motion carried

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Daniele Cherniak	X		
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Joe Seman-Graves; just so I understand correctly, you're approving the 2 x 2 ½ white sign that we see on the right side?

Chairperson Cherniak; right and it's hung on the existing bracket

Joe Seman-Graves; alright, I'll tell them to come back to the board if they, if that wasn't their intention.

Chairperson Cherniak; ok great. So are there any other.....

Vice Chair Hildreth; when do they plan on opening?

Joe Seman-Graves; I haven't heard from them in a few weeks, but it was, the original conversation was like, they went to planning last month and that conversation they wanted to open, it was pretty quick turnaround so I have no real update except I think pretty soon.

Vice Chair Hildreth; ok because when we start eat in the streets, it would be good to celebrate these new businesses too

Joe Seman-Graves; absolutely. They were like I said approved through planning last month, so I think any interior work they were doing is well underway, so this would hopefully just be an addition of a sign and then their able to open up.

Vice Chair Hildreth; great

Chairperson Cherniak; ok so are there any other topics for discussion this evening?

Joe Seman-Graves gave an update to the board on projects, grants and different properties on Remsen Street and the status of them.

With no other business to discuss Chairperson Cherniak; I will call the meeting adjourned all in favor. Meeting closed at 6:52PM.