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VILLAGE OF GREENPORT  
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK STATE OF NEW YORK

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HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

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Third Street Firehouse  
Greenport, New York

July 20, 2023  
5:00 p.m.

B E F O R E:

- Jane Ratsey-Williams - Chairperson
- Roselle Borrelli - Member
- Janice Claudio - Member
- Frank Degen - Member
- Dennis McMahon - Member

Also Present:

- Michael Noone, Clerk to the Board

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2 CHAIR RATSEY-WILLIAMS: Good  
3 evening. It's 5 o'clock. My name is  
4 Jane Ratsey-Williams, Chair of the  
5 Historic Preservation Commission. I  
6 welcome you all to our July 2023  
7 meeting at the Station One Firehouse on  
8 Third Street.

9 Will the other members please  
10 introduce themselves.

11 MS. CLAUDIO: Janice Claudio.

12 MS. BORRELLI: Roselle Borrelli.

13 MR. DEGEN: Frank Deegan.

14 MR. McMAHON: Dennis McMahon.

15 CHAIR RATSEY-WILLIAMS: Thank you.  
16 We have a quorum.

17 Agenda item number 1: Motion to  
18 accept and approve the minutes of the  
19 June 15th regular meeting.

20 Do I have a second?

21 MS. BORRELLI: I'll second.

22 CHAIR RATSEY-WILLIAMS: All those  
23 in favor?

24 (Chorus of ayes.)

25 All those opposed?

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(No response.)

Motion carried.

Agenda item number 2: Motion to schedule the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting for 5:00 p.m. on August 21 at the Station One Firehouse at Third Street.

Do I have a second?

MS. BORRELLI: No, 21st. 17th.

CHAIR RATSEY-WILLIAMS: Forgive me, I apologize, August 17th.

MS. BORRELLI: Let me just check and see what the dates are.

MR. NOONE: There are actually, I think --

CHAIR RATSEY-WILLIAMS: My first copy says 21st. It's the 17th, yes, thank you.

MR. NOONE: There's actually five Thursdays in August.

CHAIR RATSEY-WILLIAMS: We'll choose the 17th.

All those in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

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All those opposed.  
(No Response.)

CHAIR RATSEY-WILLIAMS: Motion  
carried.

Agenda item number 3: 633 First  
Street.

Discussion and possible motion on  
the application of Marisa Harney.

Applicant proposes to sand and  
repaint the front doors of the home  
using Benjamin Moore paint called  
Classic Burgundy.

This is SCTM number 1001-2-6-36.

This is a very straightforward  
application. All the photos were  
presented for the colors.

It's a lovely house and the family  
has done a beautiful renovation of it  
since moving in.

Are there any questions or  
discussion?

MR. DEGEN: No.

MS. CLAUDIO: I make a motion to  
approve.

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2 CHAIR RATSEY-WILLIAMS: Janice has  
3 made a motion to approve this  
4 application and issue a certificate of  
5 appropriateness as the application is  
6 in keeping with the criteria in  
7 Greenport Village Code section 76.7.

8 Do I have a second?

9 MR. McMAHON: Second.

10 CHAIR RATSEY-WILLIAMS: All those  
11 in favor?

12 (Chorus of ayes.)

13 All those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 Motion carried.

16 Agenda item number 4: 124 Broad  
17 Street.

18 Discussion and possible motion on  
19 the application of Neil Marrs.

20 The applicant proposes to replace  
21 the rectangular concrete slab on the  
22 front of his house measuring  
23 approximately 10 feet by 5 feet 10  
24 inches, with a painted wood version of  
25 the same dimensions to imitate the

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2 styling of the front porch base using  
3 the same materials, the same  
4 construction and paint colors.

5 This is SCTM number 1001-2-5-26.

6 This application also is very --  
7 put forward very clearly.

8 Anyone have comments?

9 MR. McMAHON: No. I think it will  
10 fit well. You know, it's more of a  
11 stoop than it is anything else, and I  
12 think that's proper for the side porch  
13 area.

14 CHAIR RATSEY-WILLIAMS: I agree.  
15 I would much prefer to see wood there  
16 than concrete.

17 Okay, I'd like to -- I make a  
18 motion to approve the applications and  
19 issue a certificate of appropriateness,  
20 as the application is in keeping with  
21 the criteria in Greenport Village Code,  
22 section 76.7.

23 Do I have a second?

24 MS. BORRELLI: I'll second.

25 CHAIR RATSEY-WILLIAMS: All those

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in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

All those opposed?

(No response.)

Motion carried.

Before I adjourn the meeting, I  
would like to introduce something.

I would like to introduce the idea  
of our Commission preparing an  
application to single out what is known  
as the Greenport Movie Theater to be  
included on the New York State, as well  
as Federal Historic Preservation  
Register.

Although it is currently not in  
the boundaries of our Historic  
District, I believe every effort should  
be made to preserve it.

The original movie theater, which  
is located at 211 East Front Street,  
was destroyed during the September 8,  
1938 hurricane. The theater as we know  
it now was rebuilt and reopened in May  
of 1939 with a movie starring Don

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2 Ameche, the movie called The Story of  
3 Alexander Graham Bell.

4 I believe this building is the  
5 only remaining example in our Village  
6 of our art deco architecture.

7 A huge effort led by Tony  
8 Spiridakis, Lisa Gillooly, Paul Henry  
9 and many, many other dedicated people  
10 have worked to save this building and  
11 turn it into an inclusive cultural  
12 gathering place where our North Fork  
13 community can be entertained, educated,  
14 and inspired for generations to come.  
15 They chose the name North Fork Art  
16 Center.

17 With generous support from our  
18 community, pledges have reached their  
19 goal of at least \$1 million. The team  
20 is now working on securing that money  
21 and looking forward to others in the  
22 community to still reach out to support  
23 this effort.

24 Our application, as I see it,  
25 would be up for consideration to



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2 preserve this building will first go  
3 before the Village attorney, the  
4 Village administrator and then go  
5 before the Village Board and Mayor for  
6 a vote. Stay tuned.

7 Do I have a second?

8 MR. DEGEN: Second.

9 CHAIR RATSEY-WILLIAMS: All in  
10 favor?

11 (Chorus of ayes.)

12 All those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 Motion carried.

15 Thank you.

16 It is 5:08, and I'd like a motion  
17 to adjourn the meeting.

18 Do I have a second?

19 MS. BORRELLI: I'll second.

20 All those in favor?

21 (Chorus of ayes.)

22 All those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 Motion carried. Thank you.

25 (Time Noted: 5:08 p.m.)

