

**LOWELL HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 7, 2016**

**6:00PM**

Chairman Floyd called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Recording Secretary Dianna Cade took roll call. Members answering the roll call were Ken Floyd, Connie Schrombeck, and David Schoon. Clifford Tetrault and Susan Riley were absent. Also present was Carl Ferro, Building Administrator, Jeff Sheridan, Town Manager, and two (2) citizens.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Schrombeck made a motion to approve the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Schoon and carried with a voice vote of all ayes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PETITION: HISTORIC #16-021, 306 E. COMMERCIAL, LOWELL, IN**

**PETITIONER: Kevin Lee, 17328 Oak Valley Dr., Lowell**

**REPRESENTATIVES FOR KEVIN LEE: JEANNE HARLEY-LEE AND/OR  
DAVID LEE**

**REQUEST: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS, 306 E. Commercial Ave.,  
Lowell, IN 46356**

**PURPOSE: (1) Replace store front windows**

**(2) Restore front of building with remanufactured fieldstone.**

Mr. David Lee, 660 S. Court St., Crown Point, IN approached the podium and stated he is with Heartland Recovery and Intervention Services and they are the owners of the property at 306 E. Commercial Ave. Mr. Lee stated that their initial intention was to come to the meeting and discuss some ideas. He stated they had meet at the property with Will (Farrellbegg) and Mr. Floyd and construed after their discussion that there might be some snags in the materials that were being considered for the façade. Discussion followed on the original façade and possible solutions to repair/change, the exterior posts that extend out of the building that prohibits some materials available being used and the windows cannot get fixed until they decide on what to do with the façade.

Public hearing was opened.

Mr. Sheridan asked if they had contacted Historic Landmarks of Indiana (HLFI). Further discussion followed on HLFI.

Mr. Lee stated that he was not aware that this option was available until now, but he would like to move forward with the replacement window and get rid of the plywood ASAP. Discussion followed further on the façade. Mr. Floyd stated that you could get a full size tempered glass and not change the structure of the window because it will fit.

Mr. Lee asked if we did that, we will not need a COA to replace the window? Mr. Floyd stated no; you are not changing the shape of the windows. Mr. Lee stated maybe we will do that then, so we can get the plywood out of the window. Mr. Lee stated so our real concern is the top half. Discussion followed.

Mr. Sheridan stated he will contact HLIF and get in touch with Mr. Lee after he talks to them. Mr. Lee stated anybody that has any knowledge on masonry restoration that you can suggest would be appreciated. Discussion followed on composite materials. Mr. Lee stated that we would like to get as pure as we can, but that is our struggle, and financially, could be a burden. We are open to many different suggestions. Mr. Lee stated, so it looks like we have a direction. Mr. Sheridan stated he would be contacting him this week. Mr. Lee stated maybe we can focus on the window. Discussion followed on signage.

Discussion followed on the long strip to the left of the back building by the old lawn and garden center that the Lee Brothers do own, and they are going to give that to the Town. He was not sure how this worked and they would be in contact with the Town. Discussion followed.

Mr. Floyd stated so we are going to hold off on the façade for now and the window we do not have to approve as long as you replace it with the same kind of window. Mr. Lee stated yes, for now.

**Public hearing was closed.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further questions or comments, Mrs. Schrombeck made a motion to adjourn at 6:30pm, seconded by Mr. Schoon and carried by voice vote.

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Ken Floyd

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Clifford Tetrault