

**Minutes of the Village of Williamsville Historic Preservation Commission meeting held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Note: Due to the NYS Covid-19 lockdown directives, this meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Roll Call: Christine Hunt, Chairman  
James Tammaro, Member  
Kathleen DeLaney, Member  
Charles Akers, Member  
Thomas Barrett, Resource Officer

Also Present: Deborah A. Habes, P/T Clerk  
Matthew Etu, Trustee Liaison To HPC

Excused: Anthony Bannon, Member  
Susan Palmer, Resource Officer  
Mary Lowther, Member  
Wes Stone, Resource Officer

Chairman Hunt opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**ON MOTION** by Mr. Tammaro, seconded by Mr. Akers, it was moved to approve the minutes of the HPC meeting of October 27, 2020.

Motion carried. 4 – 0.

**ON MOTION** by Mr. Tammaro, seconded by Mr. Akers, it was moved to approve the minutes of the HPC meeting of January 26, 2021.

Motion carried. 4 – 0.

**New Business**

**HPC Coloring Book Donation**

Chairman Hunt reported that since the last HPC meeting in January, Ms. Lowther had received a request from Saints Peter and Paul School asking for a donation of 50 of the HPC coloring books for its school students in honor of the 185<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church. It was informally agreed amongst the members to approve the donation of the 50 coloring books to the school. At that time, Mr. Bannon had requested that it be made known for the record that the donation was on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission.

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**Old Business**

**1955 Photos of Main Street Buildings Project**

Mr. Tammaro reported he and Mr. Akers have met several times. They have not heard back from the WBA. He would like to order a 8x10 photo to see the quality of the photo print. Asked for the cost of the print to be covered by the HPC budget. There was discussion on various methods of getting the photo printed. Ms. Delaney suggested going to Walgreens or Office Depot. Black and white has better quality than color. Mr. Tammaro will pursue it and get 3 building prints completed. Chairman Hunt asked that it be done by March 5 to move the project along.

Trustee Etu reported he had written a letter to the plaque recipients and heard back from three confirming their acceptance of the historic plaque placement on their buildings. He asked why not start with these 3 buildings. They can always add more later. Mr. Akers suggested visiting the owners if necessary.

Mr. Tammaro will print one 8 x 10 photo of each of the following buildings:

- 5529 Main St. (Bank of America)
- 5578 Main St. (Eagle House)
- 5329 Main St. (Dicamillo Bakery)

Mr. Tammaro will scan the photos at Village Hall and email them to the HPC members.

**In other business:**

Mr. Akers made mention that there have been certain exterior renovations made on the Moor Pat building at 78 E. Spring Street without approved building permits or approvals by HPC. Trustee Etu suggested that Chairman Hunt contact the Building Inspector to investigate. The status of any renovations. Mr. Barrett suggested that if these alterations were done and they didn't need a permit then they would not be in violation. There has been a deck and a trellis added. Is the deck actually attached to the building or is it floating? If attached, they would need a permit. Ms. Hunt will contact Mr. Masters, the Building Inspector.

There was some discussion regarding the status of Judge Voelkl's landmarked office building at 5672 Main Street. It is for sale. His partner is retiring and there was no interest by Mr. Voelkl to remain in the building solo. He is reportedly using his property at 19 S. Long St., behind Dicamillo's, as his new office space.

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### **Historic Plaques**

Trustee Etu reported he will send a letter to the next previously selected group of historic landmarks sites that HPC has chosen to receive historic landmark plaques:

- Davolio's
- Share Kitchen and Bar
- Acquest
- Newbury Salads
- Tesori
- Beach-Tuyn
- Williamsville Liquor
- 60 E. Spring St. (red miller's house)

Trustee Etu will give them a week to respond and if they don't respond, he will call them. He will apprise the HPC of his feedback before the next HPC meeting on 3/23/21.

### **May is Historic Preservation Month**

Mr. Akers shared his plan for rolling out HPC involvement in celebrating it, as follows:

- First Village Board meeting in May the Village Board will make a proclamation for HPC month.
- Second Village Board meeting in May, the Village Board will award the historic landmark plaques to the selected recipients. Trustee Etu suggested he could arrange an outdoor presentation of the plaques. Ms. Hunt suggested they be awarded in front of the water mill at 56 E. Spring St. (Sweet Jenny's). The Cadmuses now own the historic property.
- There will be articles in the Amherst Bee about HPC's involvement in the month's celebration.

### **In other business:**

There was discussion regarding the Village Mayor wishing to disband the HPC. Mr. Akers suggested she wanted to discontinue the GLG status of HPC. Trustee Etu reported that there was no support from the Village Board for that idea. It was mentioned at the June 22, 2020 meeting but there was no support at all for it.

**HPC Budget** – Trustee Etu reported that the Village Board decided to fund the asked for amount at their recent 2021-2022 budget planning session. Same as last year's budget amount. \$2,500 for the historic plaques; \$1,000 for printing; \$300 for training. He reminded the HPC members that all training must be approved by the Village Board. He suggested members email Administrator Judy Kindron if they are wishing to take a course, either free or at a cost, and she will add it to the Village Board agenda for approval.

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**Status of residential stone wall on Garrison Rd. as an historic landmark**– Trustee Etu reported that a public hearing is scheduled for April 26, 2021. The property owners wish to have an in-person public hearing. Trustee Etu encouraged as many of the HPC members be in attendance at that public hearing as possible.

Trustee Etu reported that the next meeting for HPC will be on Zoom.

Without any further items to discuss, Chairman Hunt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**ON MOTION** by Mr. Akers, seconded by Mr. Tammaro, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Motion carried. 4 – 0.

Submitted by:

*Deborah A. Habes*

P/T Clerk

**Next scheduled HPC meeting will be held  
March 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.  
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for agenda and status.**