

Minutes of the Village of Williamsville Historic Preservation Commission meeting held in person at Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville, NY on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mary Lowther, Chairperson/Member
Kathleen DeLaney, Vice-Chairperson/Member
James Tamarro, Member
Susan Fenster, Member
Anthony Bannon, Member

Also Present: Judith Kindron, Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer
Charles Grieco, Village Attorney

Absent: Christine Hunt, Village Liaison
Charles Akers, Member
Susan Palmer, Resource Officer
Wes Stone, Resource Officer
Thomas Barrett, Resource Officer
Jeffrey Stroud, Resource Officer

Chairperson Lowther opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

ON MOTION by Susan Fenster, seconded by James Tammaro, it was moved to approve the minutes of the HPC meeting of March 22, 2022, as submitted.

Motion carried. 5 – 0.

Public Hearing – Bank of America Mural

The public hearing on the Mural inside of the Bank of America building at 5529 Main Street was opened by Mary Lowther at 7:06pm.

The following comments were made:

Anthony Bannon – Public would have access to it

James Tammaro – Priceless in history

Kathleen DeLaney – Significant to WNY. Well known artist. Last restored in 1984.

Mary Lowther – It's a good snapshot of the Village

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Attorney Chip Grieco – To designate an interior landmark, SHPO law says that the building must be customarily open to the public or the public must be invited in. The mural can be nominated, but before it can be designated, you must answer:

Is the building customarily open to the public?

The Village cannot dictate that a building must be customarily open to the public.

ON MOTION by James Tammaro, seconded by Anthony Bannon, they recommend to the Village Board to designate as an interior landmark, based on material contained in the application completed by the Historic Preservation Commission on March 22, 2022 and the examination report by the Aurora Art Conservation dated February 9, 2022.

Motion carried. 5 – 0

Comments re: 66 North Cayuga Street (Demo Permit Application)

ON MOTION by James Tammaro and seconded by Mary Lowther, the building at 66 North Cayuga Street is not historic and will not be designated as such. It does not meet the criteria for landmark designation. The Historic Preservation Commission has no recommendation for this property.

Motion Carried. 5 – 0

Plaque Presentation

The plaques presentation will take place on Saturday May 21, 2022 from Noon – 1:00pm at 56 E. Spring Street (in front of the Mill). Mary to notify the Village regarding a press release, and tables & chairs. Invitations to be sent to the Village Board, the Town Board, Erie County Legislature, Ed Rath.

Certificate(s) of Appropriateness – Update - Application for A’mano Food & Beverage, 5429 Main Street

A representative from Ace Flag and Visual Promotion was present to discuss the signage and paint colors for A’mano Food & Beverage, on behalf of Glennpeter Group, property owners. She explained that the existing front and back board will be painted SW9178 In The Navy. Paint samples were provided. Signage at the front will be 37.4” x 14.8” aluminum letters, painted in

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gold, with ½” standoff. The back side of the building will be a wrapped sign 46.5” x 20.25” in 3m vinyl with UV laminate, with a life expectancy of 7 years.

On Motion by Mary Lowther, seconded by Anthony Bannon, it was moved to approve for A’mano Food & Beverage the signage front & rear of gold lettering, with total square footage of 3.56 sq. ft, front and 6.5 sq. ft. back; and painting of back board & trim in Sherwin Williams 9178. Noting that there will be no lighting to be added.

Motion carried. 5 – 0

Training

On Tuesday May 3, 2022, from 6:00pm – 8:00pm a virtual lecture offered by Preservation Buffalo Niagara, has been submitted to the Village Board for approval to satisfy 2 hours of the required annual training for members of the Historic Preservation Commission. Members interested in attending the virtual lecture will meet at Village Hall just prior to 6:00pm. Everyone in attendance will need to sign in to get credit for the training.

New Business

Susan Fenster wanted to know about the removal of the pews at the Meeting House. She read that the Meeting House Events committee would like to remove two rows of pews on each side of the aisle, for a total of 4 pews. Where would they be stored? Concerned that they would be sold. Chip and Judy explained that the Village still has not received comments back from SHPO regarding the covenant that was put in place stating 10 years of life of improvements.

Anthony Bannon stated that there is a relationship between the historic function & the pews. Doing nothing is a wise move at this time.

Without any further business, Ms. Lowther asked for a motion to adjourn.

ON MOTION by James Tamaro, seconded by Kathleen Delaney, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Motion carried. 5 – 0.

Submitted by: _____

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**Next scheduled HPC meeting is planned to be held on
May 24, at 7:00 p.m.**

Check the Village website www.walkablewilliamsville.com for agenda.