



**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**March 26, 2024
6:30 PM**

MEMBER ROLL CALL

| Name | Organization | Title | Status |
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| Anthony Bannon | Village of Williamsville | Member | Present |
| Kathleen DeLaney | Village of Williamsville | Member | Present |
| Susan Fenster | Village of Williamsville | Chair | Present |
| Raymond Herman | Village of Williamsville | Member | Present |
| Patricia Walker | Village of Williamsville | Member | Present |
| Catherine Waterman-Kulpa | Village of Williamsville | Vice-Chair | Arrived Late |

OTHER ATTENDEES

| Name | Organization | Title | Status |
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| Sue Canell | Village of Williamsville | Administrator | Present |
| Charles Grieco | Bond, Schoeneck & King | Village Attorney | Absent |
| James Quinn | Town of Amherst | Planner | Present |
| Eileen Torre | Village of Williamsville | Trustee/Liaison | Present |

MINUTES APPROVAL

Member Herman made a motion to approve December 19, 2023, minutes. The motion was seconded by Member DeLaney. Ayes 5, Noes 0, Absent 1.

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| RESULT: | MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUS) |
| MOVER: | Ray Herman, Member |
| SECONDER: | Kim DeLaney, Member |
| AYES: | Bannon, DeLaney, Fenster, Herman, Walker |

MISCELLANEOUS

Chairwoman Fenster made a motion to set the start time for future Historic Preservation Commission meetings to 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Member Herman. Ayes 5, Noes 0, Absent 1.

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| RESULT: | MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUS) |
| MOVER: | Susan Fenster, Chair |
| SECONDER: | Ray Herman, Member |
| AYES: | Bannon, DeLaney, Fenster, Herman, Walker |

Chairwoman Fenster made a motion to go off agenda for the purpose of approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Section House signage. The motion was seconded by Member Herman. Ayes 5, Noes 0, Absent 1.

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| RESULT: | MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUS) |
| MOVER: | Susan Fenster, Chair |
| SECONDER: | Ray Herman, Member |
| AYES: | Bannon, DeLaney, Fenster, Herman, Walker |

Trustee Torre spoke about the application submitted by Alex Jeurgens, a Senior at Amherst High School, and the great, great grandson of the former Station House Master. As a Civics project, he is applying for a land marker for the Lehigh Valley Section House (150 Milton Street) through the William G. Pomeroy Foundation. He requires a land use permission letter and Certificate of Appropriateness. Administrator Canell submitted the Certificate of Appropriateness on behalf of the Village of Williamsville as property owner.

Members asked some questions about the foundation and process. Member DeLaney spoke about her experience with the William G. Pomeroy Foundation and how it generally works. Member Bannon stated he admired this effort and would like to offer his personal assistance if needed.

Member Bannon made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 150 Milton Street with the understanding applicant will return once the wording for the marker has been determined. The motion was seconded by Member Herman. Ayes 5, Noes 0, Absent 1.

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| RESULT: | MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUS) |
| MOVER: | Anthony Bannon, Member |
| SECONDER: | Ray Herman, Member |
| AYES: | Bannon, DeLaney, Fenster, Herman, Walker |

Chairwoman Fenster made a motion to go back on agenda. The motion was seconded by Member Herman. Ayes 5, Noes 0, Absent 1.

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| RESULT: | MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUS) |
| MOVER: | Susan Fenster, Chair |
| SECONDER: | Ray Herman, Member |
| AYES: | Bannon, DeLaney, Fenster, Herman, Walker |

Vice-Chair Waterman-Kulpa arrived. Members now at 6 total.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 5590 Main Street (Share Restaurant)

Certificate of Appropriateness

Seasonal Outdoor Seating

Mr. Quinn explained the building permit for seasonal outdoor seating triggered the HPC review. This is for the exterior deck tables and chairs. Joel Schreck, Owner of Share Restaurant, was in attendance. Answered questions from members on location of proposed seating and clarified which tables and chairs he was purchasing. Members Walker and Waterman-Kulpa asked questions about the wood tops to be placed on the stools to match the tabletops. Mr. Schreck provided pictures.

Vice-Chair Waterman-Kulpa made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the stools and tables as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Walker. Ayes 6, Noes 0.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED (UNANIMOUS) |
| MOVER: | Catherine Waterman-Kulpa, Vice-Chair |
| SECONDER: | Patricia Walker, Member |
| AYES: | Bannon, DeLaney, Fenster, Herman, Walker, Waterman-Kulpa |

2. 5402 Main Street (Williamsville Cemetery)

Certificate of Appropriateness

Closure of Pathway

Julie Snyder, CEO of Forest Lawn Cemetery Group, appeared to ask for a Certificate of Appropriateness for closure of the pathway that was discussed when they originally came before HPC three months ago. Introduced Craig Wolcott, Cemetery Superintendent, and Eric Keys, Landscape Architect with specialty in cemetery layout design.

The gentlemen answered several question regarding the drainage. Waterman-Kulpa reiterated everyone did not have a problem with road being closed off, but the issue was around drainage issues. The gentlemen answered several question regarding the layout of the cemetery and how the drainage will work with new plan. They showed several pictures and drawings to the Commission to demonstrate how the grade/slope looks and how it will drain. Member DeLaney discussed the ledge in the back of the property. The gentlemen clarified the placement of the drainage pipes around the circle area of the path.

Vice-Chair Waterman-Kulpa asked if they were still requesting placement of a columbarium in the cemetery. Ms. Snyder confirmed they would not be putting one in the cemetery.

Vice-Chair Waterman-Kulpa made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the closure of the dead end pathway/driveway to create much needed and requested in ground burial space, make enhancements to the land island near Glen Avenue entrance and improvement to lawn area to land islands with the following explanations:

- Any supporting drainage, inlet and piping under the existing pathway is to be removed.

- Site restoration includes removal of the road and road based material, backfill with soil, top dress with 4 inches of top soil, seed and mulch until hearty grass is achieved.
- There will be 64 full burial sites achieved at the site of the former pathway in Section E.

The motion was seconded by Member Walker. Ayes 6, Noes 0.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED (UNANIMOUS) |
| MOVER: | Catherine Waterman-Kulpa, Vice-Chairperson |
| SECONDER: | Patricia Walker, Member |
| AYES: | Bannon, DeLaney, Fenster, Herman, Waterman-Kulpa, Walker |

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Waterman-Kulpa made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Walker and carried. Ayes 6, Noes 0.

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| RESULT: | ADJOURNED |
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The Historic Preservation Commission meeting of March 26, 2024, was adjourned at 7:16pm. The next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held on April 23, 2024, at 7:00pm.

Recording of March 26, 2024 meeting can be found here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l_XUorfi2E4