

**Village of Williamsville
Historic Preservation Commission
Monday, October 20, 2008
7.pm.**

Attendees: Kathleen DeLaney (chair), Kate Waterman-Kulpa; Bobb Ess, Wes Stone

Liaison: Mary Lowther

Absent: Steve Dyson, Arvilla

Meeting called to order at 7:07.

Old business:

Motion to approve minutes as corrected by Wes Stone and seconded by Kate Waterman Kulpa.. All in favor. Approved.

Lowther distributed copies of the Certificate of Appropriateness on file with Village Office since January 5, 1999. Also made available list of Register of Historic Landmarks, designated by the Village of Williamsville. Currently 10 sites are listed.

Briefly reviewed process in which HPC is notified of a possible impact to designated site. First notification is usually through the Building Department when an applicant submits plans or permission for a permit.

Waterman-Kulpa discussed concept of a site visit from Juliam Adams, Certified Local Government Community(CLG) Coordinator for New York State Historic Preservation Office (NYSHPO). The State's "The Local Landmarker", 9th ed. newsletter distributed. Topics include new construction, code of historic districts and other terms related to understand how historic buildings fit together. Also distributed, Copy of Archeology and Historic Preservation : The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties, 1995 (www.nps.gov/history/local-law/arch_stnds_8_2.htm#tech)

Discussion of an evening meeting at The Meeting House with other WNY HPC's (i.e., East Aurora, Orchard Park, Hamburg, Lancaster, Clarence, Amherst, Lewiston). Invite J. Adams. Lowther suggested HPC should focus on specific topic, and not have Adams provide an overview of HPCs. Focus could be on immediate actions in critical situations. A review of other HPC s Certificate of Appropriateness, and successful projects.

Discussed action on the Sweet Jenny's property. Leasing sign is up, but no action, and no permits have been submitted for any renovation, etc.

Related to parking and egress behind Sweet Jenny's, DeLaney mentioned that on the previous Saturday 17 cars/SUV's were parked in the lot behind the shop at 9:30 a.m. This was a Farmer's Market Day making it difficult to tell if the parking was from vendors, customers or staff of the Plastic Surgeons offices.

New Business:

Discussion related to new historic designations in Village. Possibilities include: The Eagle House, site of the Old Ice House, Grove St. wall behind and adjacent to SS Peter and Paul's; stone wall along North Ellicott; Bridge on Main Street, brewery caves between Scipar adjacent to Grove St. behind Glen Avenue, known to locals as "Brewery Hill"; and horse posts on Evans. Wes Stone to inquire if International Chimney owns "cave site."

Lowther noted local code is more protective than restrictive. Need to ensure it is not perceived as an impediment. Glen Park was designated an historic landmark in 1989 to ensure it would be preserved.

Waterman-Kulpa suggested research into designating the Williamsville Park System as historic. Issues would include: who designed them? Who laid them out? This may fit well into the Community Plan to link the Parks.

Next meeting set for Monday, November 17, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen DeLaney