

**Historic Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes of 3/16/09 held at Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville NY**

Attending: Arvela Heider, Wes Stone, Bob Ess, Kate Waterman-Kulpa, Steve Dyson and Mayor Mary Lowther, Committee Liaison

Guests: Trustee Brian Kulpa and Town of Amherst Representative Chris Schriegel

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

The committee reviewed Glen Park wall repair since it is a designated landmark in the village. Trustee Kulpa and Mr. Schriegel presented the proposed repairs designs which included a concrete core with matching stone veneer using existing stones where available. Trustee Kulpa will complete the Certificate of Appropriateness and have it forwarded to the committee. Based on the above, the committee was unanimous in its conditional approval of the project.

Next on the agenda was a review of the re-pointing project of the village Meeting House which is also a designated local landmark. Trustee Kulpa, the liaison to the Meeting House spoke on the process of the project and the move to go to bid shortly on the project. Once the re-pointing project is finished, if funding allows, the village will address the repairs to the bell tower, electrical systems and the front door. Trustee Kulpa will complete the Certificate of Appropriateness and have it forwarded to the committee. Based on the above, the committee was unanimous in its conditional approval of the project.

The committee discussed the possible establishment of an historic district and Mayor Lowther will contact the Eagle House to see if there is interest in being included in the district. Also discussed was the possible updating of the 1997 Reconnaissance Survey done by Bero Associates. There appear to be several more locations that could be added as well as some that should be dropped due to alterations. Ms. Waterman-Kulpa will contact Tania Webinski of the Preservation League of NY regarding that status of grants and availability to pay for possible project. It was discussed that the commission may possibly be in a position to write a grant if funding is available. Otherwise, there are still some outstanding grant commitments due from the village grant writer Sue Barnes. Also discussed was the possible nomination of the Pitt Pietri building on Main at S. Ellicott since it appears that the building may become vacant soon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by Mary Lowther, Mayor/Liaison

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