

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of 3/22/11 held at Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, Williamsville NY

Attending: Dick Ess, Steve Dyson, Wes Stone, Barb Casilio, Mary Lowther, Board Liaison

Absent: Kate Kulpa, Arvela Heider

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Mary Lowther introduced the newest member of the Historic Preservation Commission, Barb Casilio.

This meeting was called at the request of the Village Board to discuss communications received from two residents who want to see the village find a solution to deer being impaled on the fence of the Williamsville Cemetery. It was deemed that no application had been received from the Williamsville Cemetery so this meeting would be a work session only. Prior minutes, emails and documents were reviewed and discussed. When the Williamsville Cemetery applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness to relocate the Main Street fence, capping of the fence spikes was discussed. It was determined at that time that it was not an issue.

The commission members agreed that there has been significant growth of the deer herd in the last several years and that this may be the time to ask the Williamsville Cemetery to look into some way of capping off the spikes on the fence. Emails sent to Mary Lowther yesterday and today offered suggestions of scalloped metal between spikes, angle iron, and small dimension spot welded bar stock to top off spikes to prevent deer mutilation and danger to children.

Mary offered to call Mr. Joseph Dispenza of Forest Lawn (owner of Williamsville Cemetery) to see if they had any ideas. It was also suggested that she reach out to the two Village residents who had sent letters to get some idea of exactly where the issue was occurring. The police reports designate their calls to the street address of the cemetery but had no reference as to which side of the cemetery fence was injuring and killing deer. She will report her findings to the commission members and they will re-convene at a later date.

Discussion also included an update on the mill property. Mary reported that the Village Board is still in negotiations with Iskalo Development as to their possible purchase of the property.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Minutes Submitted by Mary Lowther, Commission Liaison