

## Historic Preservation Commission

May 16, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM

**Attendance:** Penny Armitage, Stephen Dyson, Wes Stone, Kate Waterman-Kulpa, Anthony Bannon, and JJ Duval.

**Also Present:** Village Attorney Chip Greico.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve meeting minutes from April 18, 2013 meeting by Stephen Dyson. Seconded by Penny Armitage. Unanimously approved.

### **New Business:**

- **Review of the ILS draft from CBCA.**
  - We received one copy of draft report from Clinton Brown Company Architecture (CBCA) for the meeting.
  - Kate will ask Linda Juul for a paper copy of draft report from CBCA for each Commission member. The HPC will email their comments to Kate by Friday 5/24. Kate will compile and email to CBCA.
  - 3 of the properties researched were determined to be not eligible by consultant.
  - Quite a few other properties were identified as possible NR eligible.
  - Intention of this board is to local landmark all eligible properties listed in document from CBCA.
  
- **Review of Williamsville zoning**
  - The Community Plan reinforces the community's appreciation for our historic assets.
  - Williamsville's new zoning Design Standards are progressive and a model for other communities. However, it does not protect our historic buildings.
    - HPC recommended including protection for eligible landmarks not designated.
    - HPC reviewed the NYS document "Legal aspects of municipal historic preservation." This document outlines the role and duties of the HPC.
    - We ask village for zoning overlay that allows HPC to comment on anything over 50 yrs. old.
    - But most importantly, a zoning overlay for all the properties/sites listed in the Draft report.
    - Wes said after the Reconnaissance Survey was completed, the HPC asked the Building Department to send all projects (for review and comment) listed in the document as having moderate/high important.
  - Discussion:

- Should the HPC look at the protection of open/green spaces. Like the Village Parks (investigated in Draft ILS and the open space behind the castle (which is a local landmark)?
- HPC will continue to research this and look for models of other communities with historic resources to see how they handle this zoning issue.
- Attorney Greico suggested design standards for historic properties. We could look for a grants to accomplish this. Check SHPO CLG program.
- Public education is key. A monthly, twice a year, or yearly forum of HPC/preservation experts to discuss round table issues is something to look into.

**Old Business:**

- **Grants**
  - We have submitted a Preserve NY grant for \$2,000 to assist with the hiring of a consultant to assist in the local landmark nomination process. We will submit CLG grant soon for the same purposes. The CLG ask will be \$10,000.
- **HPC binders**
  - Wes is continuing to gather packets for new HPC members

**Kate Waterman-Kulpa excused herself from meeting at 8:36 PM.**

- **5409 Main Street**
  - On Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>, the Architecture and Planning Review Board approved the owner's application with modifications. The redesign included more glass, transom, plaque to be displayed. HPC believes these modifications are not acceptable.
  - Penny Armitage made motion to designate 5409 Main Street a local landmark. Seconded by Stephen Dyson. Unanimously approved.
    - We will have to schedule public hearing to get this process moving forward.
    - Proposed June 27, 2013 at 7 PM for public hearing regarding designation. The HPC will meet at 6:30PM on June 27<sup>th</sup> to coordinate our strategy for the public meeting at 7PM.
    - Members will need to get familiar with all aspects of this process so we are on the same page come the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 9 PM by Stephen Dyson. Seconded by Wes Stone. Unanimously approved.