

**Village of Williamsville  
Historic Preservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
November 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Wes Stone, Chairman  
Chuck Akers, Member  
Mary Lowther, Member  
Kate Waterman-Kulpa, Member  
Dr. Stephen Dyson, Member

Also present: Charles Grieco, Village Attorney  
Deborah A. Habes, Deputy Clerk

Excused: Susan Palmer, Member  
Anthony Bannon, Member  
Al Yates, Trustee Liaison

Mr. Stone opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

**ON MOTION** by Dr. Dyson, seconded by Mr. Akers, it was moved to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2017 meeting, as submitted.

Roll call:	Wes Stone	Yes
	Chuck Akers	Yes
	Mary Lowther	Yes
	Kate Waterman-Kulpa	Abstained
	Stephen Dyson	Yes

Motion carried. 4 – 0.

**Regional HPC Meeting**

There was discussion on what other CLGs did they wish to invite to this session. The following municipalities were mentioned: Town of Amherst, Town of Clarence, Village of Lancaster, Village of East Aurora, Village of Hamburg, Village of Orchard Park. Mr. Grieco emailed the list to HPC members during the meeting of CLGs in Erie County. HPC still needs a copy of the handbook from James Finelli. The date of May 22, 2018, from 6-8pm was mentioned as a date to try and see if James Finelli was available to be here. There was discussion about meeting format: what room to have it in and round table or lecture. Must ask for RSVPs.

Re: The yearly HPC election of a new chair, Ms. Waterman–Kulpa offered to take on the HPC Chairmanship in January and asked Mr. Stone to be Vice Chairman. She indicated she would not be in attendance at HPC meetings in the spring due to personal

circumstances but would be available in May for the regional meeting being planned. No formal vote was taken at this meeting tonight.

### **HPC Model Law**

Village Attorney Grieco stated he has not completed the update but is working on it.

### **Proposed landmark designation - 5429 Main Street (Starbucks/Alex and Ani)**

On behalf of the property owner, Main-Cali LLC, Attorney Laura M. Smith, of Harter, Secrest & Emery LLP was present.

Ms. Smith referred to her submittals from the October 24, 2017 HPC meeting. The issue appears to be the verification of the building's date of the construction. Mr. Grieco referred to an email from Clinton Brown of 10/31/17 regarding his opinion about the date of the building and whether or not it qualified as meeting the criteria for local landmark designation. In his email, Mr. Brown stated it meets A2 of our code criteria.

Mr. Stone stated he would call Ray Sonnenberger of Sonnenberger Land Surveying. for a copy of the survey of this property to further investigate the date of the building's construction. The date will need to be corrected on the application form once a definite date is discovered and verified.

Ms. Lowther stated she would look at old maps at the historical society's collection at the Meeting House.

Mr. Akers will ask the Amherst Museum to look at any maps they may have of the property.

Ms. Smith referred to the Village Building Department's file for 5429 Main Street that she acquired through a FOIL application. Materials were from 1962 and later. Ms. Waterman-Kulpa asked that the Building Dept. search their files for anything pre-dating 1962 and report back to HPC. Shoot for answers at the January 2018 meeting. Ms. Smith will return to HPC at that time.

### **Intensive Level Survey for the South Cayuga Road Corridor**

No comments received. Ask Administrator Juul if the final copy has been received and if it is on the CRIS website.

**Committee paperwork**

HPC members that were present completed and submitted the paperwork.

**ON MOTION** by Ms. Lowther, seconded by Dr. Dyson, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Motion carried. 5 – 0.

**Next HPC meeting will be held on January 23, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.**

There will be no HPC meeting in December 2017.

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Deborah A. Habes,  
Deputy Clerk