



MINUTES
VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

June 23, 2026
7:00 PM

MEMBER ROLL CALL

Name	Organization	Title	Status
Anthony Bannon	Village of Williamsville	Member	Absent
Kathleen DeLaney	Village of Williamsville	Member	Present
Susan Fenster	Village of Williamsville	Chairperson	Present
Patrice Hannotte	Village of Williamsville	Member	Present
Raymond Herman	Village of Williamsville	Member	Present
Patricia Walker	Village of Williamsville	Member	Present
Catherine Waterman-Kulpa	Village of Williamsville	Vice-Chairperson	Present

OTHER ATTENDEES

Name	Organization	Title	Status
Suzanne Canell	Village of Williamsville	Village Account Clerk	Absent
Charles Greico	Bond, Schoeneck & King	Village Attorney Rep.	Present
Steven Meyer	Village of Williamsville	Village Board Liaison	Absent
Ashley Obstarczyk	Village of Williamsville	Community Development Aide	Present
James Quinn	Town of Amherst	Planner	Absent

Chairperson Fenster called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Member Herman made a motion to approve the May 27, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Fenster. Ayes 5, Noes 0, Absent 2.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Herman, member
SECONDER:	Fenster, Chairperson
AYES:	DeLaney, Fenster, Hannotte, Waterman-Kulpa, Herman

OLD BUSINESS

61 Stanton Street – House Demolition

Property owner Jason Schnelle, 66 Stanton Street, appeared before the Commission regarding a demolition referral for 61 Stanton Street.

Members reviewed materials provided by the Village of Williamsville and Town of Amherst Building Departments.

The commission reached a consensus that, following its review and due diligence, 61 Stanton Street does not appear to meet the criteria for designation as a local landmark pursuant to Village code. No nomination will be initiated. No formal motion was required.

Sweet Jenny's- Fence Resolution: Certificate of Appropriateness

Chairperson Fenster reported that Commission members conducted a site visit and reviewed the application materials submitted by the property owners.

The Commission discussed the significance of the sluiceway as a character-defining feature of the Mill property and its historic and visual relationship with Glen Park. Members noted concerns that the proposed fence would visually separate Glen Park from the sluiceway, interrupt important viewsheds, and negatively impact the relationship between two local landmarks.

The Commission also discussed the Preservation Covenant and Public Access Easement associated with the property. Attorney Grieco clarified that while the HPC is not responsible for enforcing these agreements, they remain relevant considerations when evaluating the appropriateness of the proposal.

The Commission found that:

- The sluiceway is a character-defining feature of the Mill property and must remain a visual centerpiece of the site's history;
- Visually separating the public from the sluiceway through the installation of the proposed fence is inappropriate;
- The proposed fence would negatively affect views from Glen Park and diminish the historic relationship between the Mill property and Glen Park;
- The proposal may conflict with provisions contained within the Preservation Covenant regarding public visibility of the sluiceway;
- The application was incomplete and lacked sufficient detail, including a survey, material specifications, dimensions, exact location, configuration, and construction details.

Vice-Chair Waterman-Kulpa made a motion to deny the application for the proposed fence, seconded by Member Herman. Ayes 6, Noes 0, Absent 1.

RESULT:	CoA application denied
MOVER:	Waterman-Kulpa, Vice-Chairperson
SECONDER:	Herman, member
AYES:	DeLaney, Walker, Hannotte, Fenster, Waterman-Kulpa, Herman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Chair Waterman-Kulpa announced the passing of former HPC member Stephen Dyson and acknowledged his many years of service and contributions to local historic preservation efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Fenster made a motion to adjourn the June 23, 2026 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at 8:03 p.m., seconded by Vice-Chair Waterman-Kulpa. Ayes 6, Noes 0, Absent 1.

RESULT: ADJOURNED

Next meeting scheduled for August 25, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.