



MINUTES
VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

August 25, 2026
7:00 PM

MEMBER ROLL CALL

Name	Organization	Title	Status
Anthony Bannon	Village of Williamsville	Member	Present
Kathleen DeLaney	Village of Williamsville	Member	Absent
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	Absent
Catherine Waterman-Kulpa	Village of Williamsville	Vice-Chairperson	Absent

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	Present
Ashley Obstarczyk	Village of Williamsville	Community Development Aide	Present
James Quinn	Town of Amherst	Planner	Absent

Chairperson Fenster called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Chairperson Fenster made a motion to approve the June 23, 2026 meeting minutes, with the following correction: the next scheduled meeting date listed be changed from July 28, 2026 to August 25, 2026. The motion was seconded by Member Herman. Ayes 4, Noes 0, Absent 3.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Fenster, Chairperson
SECONDER:	Herman, Member
AYES:	Bannon, Fenster, Hannotte, Herman

NEW BUSINESS

5511 Main Street Liquor Store- Replacement Window: Certificate of Appropriateness

The Commission reviewed a Certificate of Appropriateness application proposing to replace the front right storefront window, which was damaged in a vehicle accident in January 2026.

Members found that the information provided by the applicant did not provide sufficient information regarding the proposed materials, framing, or other details necessary for the Commission to evaluate the proposed replacement.

As the applicant was not present to answer questions or provide additional information, the Commission determined that the matter should be tabled until the next meeting to allow the applicant an opportunity to provide the necessary information. Motion by Member Bannon, seconded by Member Herman. Ayes 4, Noes 0, Absent 3.

RESULT:	TABLED
MOVER:	Bannon, Member
SECONDER:	Herman, Member
AYES:	Bannon, Fenster, Hannotte, Herman

East Side Ellicott Creek Stone Retaining Wall: Proposed Nomination

The Commission reviewed the nomination of the East Side Ellicott Creek Stone Retaining Wall, which extends along four privately owned properties between Mill Street and Ellicott Creek. The nomination identifies the wall as surviving infrastructure associated with Williamsville's nineteenth-century water-powered milling industry and notes that the Village's adopted Local Waterfront Revitalization Program dates its installation to the early-to-mid 1800s to support milling activity.

Discussion included:

- Scope of the proposed designation.
- Condition of the wall and the deterioration of portions of the structure.
- Private ownership and maintenance responsibilities.
- Potential review of future repairs or alterations.
- Acknowledgment that the west bank wall is already included within the Glen Park landmark designation.

The nomination application cites the wall's historic significance, its stone masonry construction and creek-edge engineering, and its prominent location along Ellicott Creek near Glen Falls as grounds for local landmark designation under § 47-11.A.(1), (3), and (4).

Member Herman moved to nominate the East Side Ellicott Creek Stone Retaining Wall, located across four privately owned properties identified by SBL Nos. 69.17-2-19 (5630 Main St.), 69.17-2-18 (16 Mill St.), 69.17-2-17 (20 Mill St.), and 69.17-2-16 (26 Mill St.), for designation as a local landmark, based on the evidence set forth in the nomination application. The motion was seconded by Member Hannotte. Ayes 4, Noes 0, Absent 3.

RESULT: MOTION PASSED

MOVER: Herman, Member

SECONDER: Hannotte, Member

AYES: Bannon, Fenster, Hannotte, Herman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Per the Village Board reorganization meeting held on July 17, Trustee Hahn will now serve as the Village Board Liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission.

The members of the HPC thanked Trustee Meyer for his service as liaison. Trustee Meyer thanked the members of the HPC.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Fenster made a motion to adjourn the August 25, 2026 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission at 8:16 p.m., seconded by Member Hannotte. Ayes 4, Noes 0, Absent 3.

RESULT: ADJOURNED

Next meeting scheduled for Sept 22, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.