



AGENDA
TOWN OF AMHERST
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
October 11, 2022
7:00 PM

The meeting will be video recorded.

The plans and documents that are available below for each Historic Preservation Commission agenda item were submitted by the project applicant and are intended to provide general information about the proposal.

Complete sets of submitted documents and materials that provide more detailed information about the projects are available in the Planning Department, which is located in Amherst Town Hall, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221. Hours are 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at (716) 631-7051.

Revised plans are submitted on an ongoing basis throughout the review process to address comments on the project. Every effort will be made to post the most recent version of the plans and application materials in a timely manner.

ROLL CALL

<u>Members</u>	Mancuso	Palmer	Swartz	Redding	Waterman-Kulpa	Hirschey	Kensy
Present							
Absent							

<u>Resource Personnel</u>	Adema	Kajdas	Stiver	Vaidya	Zynda	Beiswanger	Marcus
Present							
Absent							

<u>Town Depts</u>	Bucki (Town Board)	Fadel (Planning)	Quinn (Planning)	Demopoulos (Attorney)	Howard (Planning)
Present					
Absent					

MINUTES APPROVAL

September 13, 2022 Minutes

NEW BUSINESS

1. **DEMOLITION APPROVAL APPLICATION FOR DETACHED GARAGE AT 65 BURBANK DRIVE**

Brian Effinger, 129 Wrexham Court North, Tonawanda, presented the proposed demolition of a detached garage at 65 Burbank Drive and the plan to build a new garage in its place. Mr. Effinger said that the garage is probably as old as the house and in bad shape, with rotting studs and a deteriorating roof. He also noted that there might be some minor changes to the location of the driveway by a couple feet. The Commission also affirmed that the property is in a blue-rated district and is not a landmark.

Mr. Swartz made a motion to approve the demolition for the detached garage at 65 Burbank Drive since 95% of the façade facing the public street is a replacement metal garage door which detracts from its original character. The motion was seconded by Ms. Palmer and carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0, Absent 2 (Mancuso, Redding).

OLD BUSINESS

2. **UPDATE ON CLG GRANT SUBMISSION/PRESERVATION DAY**

Mr. Quinn said he received an invoice from the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village, the payments have been processed and the total spending balance was \$12,025.11. He also noted that he did not receive an invoice from Preservation Buffalo Niagara. Ms. Palmer said that she is working on finishing the CLG year-end report and Ms. Waterman-Kulpa said that it needs to be submitted by October 15th. Ms. Palmer also said that she spoke with Christiana Vagvolgyi of Preservation Buffalo Niagara regarding the consortium, which is covered by the grant, and that she will be sending proposed dates for next year soon. Ms. Waterman-Kulpa mentioned that Linda Mackey is the Commission's new CLG coordinator.

3. **MAIN STREET & SMALLWOOD DRIVE HISTORIC GATEWAY REPAIRS**

Mr. Quinn confirmed that the contract with Morris Masonry for the repairs had been approved and executed. He mentioned that the Planning Department is coordinating to have the work monitored. Mr. Quinn also said that Morris Masonry will work all the way through Christmas and that they are waiting to receive stone for the repair, which is causing a small delay.

4. **PROPOSAL FOR REVISION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION LAW OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST**

Ms. Palmer said that their work group meeting had to be rescheduled, but they would have new information at the next meeting.

5. **BNHV PROPERTIES - UPDATE ON RESEARCH FOR POSSIBLE LANDMARKING**

No update. Process is ongoing.

6. **WESTWOOD - POSSIBLE LANDMARK**

Ms. Waterman-Kulpa said they are waiting on a response from the Town Architect on whether a professional consultant was hired.

7. **HARLEM ROAD COMMUNITY CENTER - POSSIBLE LANDMARK**

Ms. Palmer led a review of a draft for an Application for Landmark Designation for the Harlem Road Community Center (4255 Harlem Road). She noted that it is not the final document and it will be updated as they continue to gather more information. The Commission reviewed the document and made a few edits, including changing the material from "stone" to "cast stone" and changing the condition from "fair" to "good." Members also questioned whether the doors to the building are the original doors. Ms. Palmer said that the final application will include pictures, news articles, etc. Ms. Waterman-Kulpa stated that they will continue to gather information before the Historic Preservation Commission decides to send the application to the Town Board. Mr. Quinn noted that the deadline to post a public hearing in the Amherst Bee is October 19th.

Ms. Palmer made a motion to submit a notice of proposed designation for 4255 Harlem Road and set a public hearing for Thursday, November 10th at 6:30pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Waterman-Kulpa and carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0, Absent 2 (Mancuso, Redding).

8. EDUCATION PLAN - WEBSITE PLAN, PRESENTATIONS
Ms. Palmer said that the Commission has one more training session in December. She noted that the meeting will be via Zoom and that she should receive more information in the coming days.
9. ST. PAULS & ST. BENEDICTS - POSSIBLE LANDMARK
No update.

MISCELLANEOUS

ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2022.