



AGENDA
TOWN OF AMHERST
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
April 11, 2023
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

March 21, 2023 Minutes

NEW BUSINESS**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **22 CHATEAU TERRACE - LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION**
March 21, 2023

Jessica Black, 79 Fruehauf, presented the landmark designation application for 22 Chateau Terrace. She said that the property meets local landmark criterion (i) and (ii) due to its development by Suor & Suor, a key firm in developing first generation of suburban development in the region, and its distinctive early 20th century Craftsman-style characteristics. Ms. Black also presented an overview of the Chateau Terrace neighborhood, a cohesive residential enclave consisting of homes built between 1910 and 1920 featuring a variety of early twentieth-century architectural styles. She also presented a variety of photos, news clippings, maps and photographs.

Ms. Palmer reviewed the Commission's role of researching and making recommendations to the Town Board, who ultimately have the final say. Mr. Quinn clarified that the application was submitted as an individual landmark. Ms. Waterman-Kulpa made note that the application talks about the significance of the neighborhood, which was also mentioned in the Reconnaissance Survey, and that the applicant had mentioned she would ultimately like to see the neighborhood recognized as a local historic district.

Ms. Palmer made a motion to adjourn in order to further review materials and complete additional research. The motion was seconded by Ms. Waterman-Kulpa and carried. Ayes 6, Noes 0.

April 12, 2023

Ms. Palmer said Jessica Black's had submitted a list of citations from her presentation she made at the March meeting. She also mentioned a Certificate of Designation for the Chateau Terrace Study Area from SHPO while also mentioning that it did not have anything specific to 22 Chateau Terrace itself. Ms. Palmer stated that she had reached out to SHPO with a couple questions and hopes to have a response before the May meeting. Ms. Palmer also mentioned that while the owner of the property is not required to appear, she believes they plan on presenting at the next HPC meeting and, if not, the Commission would continue the process without that presentation.

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

Ms. Palmer invited Commission members and staff to a Zoom training on April 26 from 6-8pm.

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

Ms. Demopoulos said made changes and will circulate them to the Commission. Ms. Palmer said the latest draft was sent to SHPO for review.

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

No update.

5. **EDUCATION PLAN - WEBSITE, PRESENTATIONS**

Ms. Palmer said they have one HPC training session remaining, which will be held closer to the end of the year.

6. **ST. PAULS & ST. BENEDICTS - POSSIBLE LANDMARK**

Ms. Palmer said she plans on setting up a call with SHPO regarding both St. Pauls and St. Benedicts, as well as a few other properties, to explore the possibility of moving forward with a designation.

MISCELLANEOUS

ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2023.