



**MINUTES
TOWN OF AMHERST
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
January 11, 2022
7:00 PM**

ROLL CALL

<u>Members</u>	Mancuso	Palmer	Swartz	Redding	Waterman-Kulpa	Hirschey	Vacant Seat
Present	X	X	X		X	X	
Absent				X			

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

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

Ms. Mancuso made a motion to approve the Historic Preservation minutes from December 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hirschey and carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0, Abstain 1 (Waterman-Kulpa), Absent 1 (Redding).

AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

1. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP 2022

Ms. Palmer made a motion to reappoint Norm Hirschey to the Historic Preservation Committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Waterman-Kulpa and carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0, Abstain 1 (Hirschey), Absent 1 (Redding).

Ms. Palmer made a motion to appoint Joseph Buscaglia as a resource person for the Historic Preservation Committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Waterman-Kulpa and carried. Ayes 5, Noes 0, Absent 1 (Redding).

Regarding the one remaining vacant seat on the Commission, Ms. Palmer said an email was sent to all resource personnel, but they had only heard back from one person who was currently not interested. Ms. Bucki mentioned that there is also a generic ad in the bee for all committees.

2. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Ms. Mancuso made a motion for Ms. Palmer to remain the Historic Preservation Commission chairperson for two more years. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hirschey and carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0, Abstain 1 (Palmer), Absent 1 (Redding).

Ms. Palmer made a motion for Ms. Waterman-Kulpa to remain as Historic Preservation Commission vice chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Swartz and carried. Ayes 4, Noes 0, Abstain 1 (Waterman-Kulpa), Absent 1 (Redding).

3. VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Ms. Waterman-Kulpa made a motion to extend virtual meetings for the Historic Preservation Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hirschey and carried. Ayes 4, Noes 1, Absent 1 (Redding).

4. PBN SURVEY AWARD PLAQUE UPDATE

Mr. Quinn said that Tony Martin Awards had told him that that the plaque is ready to be picked up. Ms. Palmer suggested having a small ceremony and a picture in the paper to commemorate the award.

5. PRESERVATION DAY 2022

Ms. Waterman-Kulpa presented general plans for this year's Preservation Day with a current working date of August 6, 2022. Another working group meeting will be held next month to discuss how to make this year's event bigger and better.

6. TRAINING 2022

Ms. Palmer presented. She asked them everyone turn in training forms with their training records for 2021. She also asked members to make send her any requests for specific training they are interested in for 2022. They would most likely do training around springtime and fall, similar to last year.

7. COMMISSION GOALS 2022

Ms. Palmer presented the possibility of creating a working group to discuss possible landmarking projects the Commission would like to explore. Mr. Hirschey and Ms. Mancuso said they would be interested in taking part. Ms. Palmer said she will circulate an email for anyone who might be interested and when they would like to meet in a working group.

8. MAIN ST & SMALLWOOD DR HISTORIC GATEWAY REPAIRS

Discussion regarding damage to Main and Smallwood gateway due to a traffic accident. Ms. Demopoulos said they will have to wait until they receive the accident report and hear what Highway Superintendent Patrick Lucey comes up with regarding repairs. It noted that nothing will be done without pre-approval by the Historic Preservation Commission. Ms. Bucki said she would check with the Town Board regarding how soon repairs could be started and Ms. Demopoulos said she would expand her emails to include the Historic Preservation Commission and Engineering Department. There was a question regarding whether the structure falls within the Town or NYSDOT's responsibility and Mr. Howard said that it would most likely fall to the Town.

OLD BUSINESS

9. NYSOPRHP GRANT UPDATE

Ms. Waterman-Kulpa said this item was completed and can be removed from the agenda.

10. PROPOSAL FOR REVISION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION LAW OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST

Ms. Palmer suggested that a working group be set up involving Mr. Swartz, Ms. Waterman-Kulpa, Ms. Palmer, Mr. Hirschey,

Ms. Bucki and Ms. Demopoulos to identity issues within the statute and make some recommendations to the rest of the Commission.

11. BNHV PROPERTIES- UPDATE ON RESEARCH FOR POSSIBLE LANDMARKING.

No report.

12. WESTWOOD- POSSIBLE LANDMARK

No report.

13. HARLEM ROAD COMMUNITY CENTER

No report.

14. EDUCATION PLAN

A. WEBSITE PLAN

Ms. Palmer said that she will be looking to finish up some items with Mr. Quinn and Information Technology department in the near future.

15. ST. PAULS; ST. BENEDICTS

Mr. Hirschey presented. He said that he retrieved two PDFs off of St. Paul's website regarding the history of the church. He said he will continue to work on it and establish a timeline for the current building.

16. HISTORIC ENTRANCEWAY AT MAIN AND LAMARCK

Ms. Waterman-Kulpa noted that this item had come to a standstill with NYSDOT. Ms. Waterman-Kulpa stated that they need to know what is in duplication. Mr. Howard suggested Mr. Quinn talk to NYSDOT to clarify what items are there, what they are and why they are there, and then see what opportunities there are to change anything.

17. BNHV MUSEUM EXHIBIT SUBMISSIONS

Ms. Palmer asked Commission members and Resource personnel to submit a few sentences to her on what is important about historic preservation and any important accomplishments they think the the Town has made in this regard so that they may be submitted for the exhibit. Ms. Stiver noted that any items would be helpful, such as photos or journals, and that the museum likes to see what the community finds important, so any submissions are appreciated. Ms. Palmer asked Ms. Stiver if they might be able to provide some questions for the Commission members or resource people to answer to give them a better framework on what to submit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The Historic Preservation Commission meeting of January 11, 2022 was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

MISCELLANEOUS

The next Regular meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2022.