



AGENDA
TOWN OF AMHERST
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
February 8, 2022
7:00 PM

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 202.1 and for public health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, the Historic Preservation Commission meeting on February 8, 2022 will be held via Zoom. **The public will have an opportunity to view and participate in the meeting live.**

Zoom Meeting Computer/Visuals Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82213424046?pwd=Q1JxR0JZNFRoZzRfK29CVDBOUlhCdz09>

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Meeting ID: 822 1342 4046

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Residents and other members of the public are encouraged to provide comments or questions in writing, by email, or by telephone to the Planning Department prior to the meeting. Questions and comments must be received by January 25 to be forwarded to Commission members in time for the meeting. Comments and questions may be sent to:

**Historic Preservation Commission
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OR

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The meeting will be recorded and archived.

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	Vacant Seat
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)
Present				
Absent				

MINUTES APPROVAL

AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

1. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP 2022
2. PBN SURVEY AWARD PLAQUE UPDATE
3. COMMISSION GOALS 2022
4. MAIN ST & SMALLWOOD DR HISTORIC GATEWAY REPAIRS

OLD BUSINESS

5. PROPOSAL FOR REVISION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION LAW OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST
6. BNHV PROPERTIES- UPDATE ON RESEARCH FOR POSSIBLE LANDMARKING.
7. WESTWOOD- POSSIBLE LANDMARK
8. HARLEM ROAD COMMUNITY CENTER- POSSIBLE LANDMARK
9. EDUCATION PLAN
 - A. WEBSITE PLAN
 - B. PRESENTATIONS
10. ST. PAULS; ST. BENEDICTS – POSSIBLE LANDMARK
11. HISTORIC ENTRANCEWAY AT MAIN AND LAMARCK - PICTURE [HERE](#).

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

MISCELLANEOUS

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



**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

MANCUSO MOTION TO PASS. NORM HIRSCHY 2ND. WATERMAN-KULPA ABSTAINED.

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. Ms. Waterman-Kulpa stated she put an ad in the next digital newsletter for the American Institute of Architects.

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 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 that 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 identify 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 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.

AMHERST HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION - 2022

(4-year term)

(1/4/22)

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Neighborhood Conservation
Town of Amherst Intensive Survey

NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION



Town of Amherst Intensive Survey

The Town of Amherst's updated Intensive Local Historic Resources Survey of Selected Resources was a joint effort by the Amherst Historic Preservation Commission, the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Clinton Green Company Architects, pc (CGCA). It was financed in part with a Federal Certified Local Government Grant along with public Town funds. Its purpose is to follow some of the recommendations made in the Town's updated Reconnaissance Survey by adding information on new "blue-chip" properties, examining two potential historic districts, and updating existing Historic Resource Inventory Forms. A Local and/or State and National designation along with identification as "blue-chip" provides protection to these historic properties, as they require a design review process and are flagged when Town Departments issue permits, recordings, or other changes that could affect a property's significance. The update helps to provide referenced information on the most historically significant properties in the Town to inform and guide decisions regarding these often-vulnerable yet important pieces of history.

