

VILLAGE OF ELLENVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012
MINUTES

The September meeting of the Village of Ellenville Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 6:05 p.m. in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Government Center by Chair Marion M. Dumond.

Present: Commissioners, K. Draganchuk, M. Dumond, P. Ross, J. Rubin and B. Zelnik.

Minutes of the August 20, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved by Commissioners (PR/BZ).

2012 CLG Grant Proposal - Lorraine Weiss contacted Dumond to inform her that the grant has been approved. The HPC is the recipient of \$1,951.00. This money will be used to create and print brochures identifying the properties in the historic district and for the PSAs in the Shawangunk Journal. The money must be used by end of October 2013. In creating the brochures Dumond proposed it would be beneficial to use digital photography. Village Manager Mary Sheeley stopped in at the meeting and she confirmed that the HPC can use their budget to purchase a digital camera. Rubin to research digital cameras and collaborate with Draganchuk, keeping in mind Zelnik's recommendations. Motion to purchase a digital camera for HPC use was unanimously approved by all Commissioners (PR/JR)

Website Updates - Dumond and Draganchuk were unable to meet with Village Manager Mary Sheeley and Village Clerk Noreen Dechon due to scheduling difficulties to discuss the website. After studying the website Dumond proposed that the HPC focus on creating a paragraph on what the HPC is and what its purpose is. Usual meeting times and verbiage on the new COA should be added as well.

Traphagen House - Dumond reported that from the roadside it appears that the work done on the pillars is complete. They were pieced together with the rotten portions removed. Renovations to the Traphagen House has improved the look of its exterior tremendously.

In April 2011 the HPC unanimously agreed to work on local landmark designation for Thornton's Hardware, the Berger and Solomon Building and the Slutsky Center. The HPC would like to continue its work on nominating historic properties for local landmark designation. The Berger and Solomon Building is not quite old enough to meet the 50-year requirement. Draganchuk will conduct research on Thornton's Hardware and Ross and Rubin will combine efforts and research the Slutsky Center. Findings will be discussed at the next meeting.

Brian Zelnik will write a letter of resignation effective December 31, 2012 to Village Manager Mary Sheeley. She will place an advertisement for the open seat on the Commission.

Town Historic Preservation Day - The Town of Wawarsing and the Town Historic Preservation Commission are presenting this day to honor the generosity of Mr. Heller and his contributions in renovating the Greenfield School House. The celebration will be on September 29, 2012 at 11:00am at the Greenfield School House. The Village HPC is encouraged to attend and lend their support.

On October 29, 2012 the Town of Wawarsing Historic Preservation Commission and the Village of Ellenville Historic Preservation Commission will be hosting an event for Realtors to learn about the value of owning historic properties and how to market these properties. The gathering will take place from 10:00a.m. to 11:30a.m. in the Village Courtroom.

The next meeting date is Monday, November 19, 2012 at 5:00p.m.

Please note that in between meetings HPC members working on projects should email progress, questions, etc to all members rather than waiting for an official meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m. (PR/KD)

Recorded by
Kim Draganchuk, Secretary