

VILLAGE OF ELLENVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
JANUARY 16, 2012
(RESCHEDULED JANUARY 9th MEETING)
MINUTES

The January meeting of the Village of Ellenville Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 5:05 p.m. in the meeting room of Yankee Barn Associates by Chair Marion M. Dumond. The meeting location was changed for this meeting because the Government Center meeting facilities were not available.

Present: Commissioners Draganchuk, Dumond, Ross, Rubin and Zelnik.

Minutes of the December 19, 2011 meeting will stand as distributed.

2012 CLG Grant Proposal - No report status

Historic District Nomination - Dumond met with Kathleen LaFrank on January 4th and discussed common misconceptions about owning a property within a national historic district. One misconception is that any renovations would need to go through and be approved by the HPC. This is not true. Actually, the HPC has no responsibility within a National Historic District. If the property owners receive state/federal aid then they have to go through SHPO, not the HPC.

There was a question about a Market Street address and whether it is a contributing property within the proposed district. Dumond to explore further. Dumond to write a press release to be printed in the Shawangunk Journal on January 26, 2011. Draganchuk will bring meeting information to ECS's Television and Radio Department for advertising on the local radio and television stations. Draganchuk will also inquire about the possibility of someone attending the meeting to videotape it. Zelnik's "Benefits of Historic Preservation" brochure will be photocopied and available for distribution at the meeting.

Dumond was contacted by the owner of the Eclipse building about the possibility of applying for landmark status. She informed the owner that the only opportunity for this would be if it was included in a historic district.

Peter Backman called to report that a section of the local landmark the Laurenkill Cemetery has been flooded. Laura Smith has been contacted and is working with the Village and with the Town to rectify this.

The VanGorder/Traphagen House is reputed to be for sale, but there is no update on its status. Dumond contacted local realtor Fran Wolfe to inquire about it, but Wolfe did not have any information. Dumond did discuss with Ms. Wolfe the possibility of gathering local realtors to educate on historic preservation.

Draganchuk to contact Town Commissioner Jeff Slade to schedule a meeting about creating a property owner's COA as a joint document for the Village and the Town Commissions.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m. (Ross/Draganchuk)

Recorded by
Kim Draganchuk, Secretary