

VILLAGE OF ELLENVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
JULY 16, 2012
MINUTES

The July meeting of the Village of Ellenville Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 5:05 p.m. in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Government Center by Chair Marion M. Dumond.

Present: Commissioners Draganchuk, Dumond, Ross and Rubin.

Minutes of the June 18, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved by Commissioners (JR/PR).

2012 CLG Grant Proposal - The Commission is waiting to see what will be received from the grant given the fact that funding was cut and guidelines were changed. The Commission is awaiting written confirmation.

Website Updates - Before the end of the summer Dumond and Draganchuk will make an appointment with Village Manager Mary Sheeley and Village Clerk Noreen Dechon to see how to best proceed for website updates to be expedited.

Methodist Church Addition - Dumond received a phone call from Village Manager Mary Sheeley regarding the HPC's involvement in the addition to the Methodist Church. Dumond reiterated that the HPC has no jurisdiction over renovations because the property is not locally landmarked and can proceed.

Dumond wrote a letter of endorsing the Hunt Memorial Preservation Commission's efforts to purchase the Hunt Memorial Building from the Village of Ellenville. Dumond is extremely impressed with the progress of the work they have completed with this nationally landmarked building.

The Ellenville Downtown Historic District was entered in the National Register on June 20, 2012.

Reorganization

Secretary - The Commission unanimously elected Draganchuk as secretary on a PR/JR nomination.

Vice-Chair- The Commission nominated Zelnik and the appointment is pending his acceptance.

Plaque Program - Rubin contacted the Historical Society of the Town of Warwick at 845-986-3236 (website www.warwickhistoricalsociety.org), and was referred to Gary Randall (one of their Board's 3 Vice Presidents) concerning plaques marking a number of historic buildings in and near their business district that he had observed on a recent visit to Warwick. They have been in existence since 1906, over time acquiring 10 buildings (the first was purchased in 1916, with a number of the buildings having been deeded over to the Society), including 5 museum sites. Warwick also has a National Historic District. Mr. Randall indicated that the Society purchased the plaques from Erie Landmark Company in 2006, and placed them on their buildings, so there were no issues as to whether a building or property owner wished to participate in the plaque program. The plaques are bronze, rectangular in shape, with a border consisting of 2 broad bands with a groove between the bands. They have, in Mr. Randall's words, a "pebbly," "textured" surface that provides a brown-colored background for the raised, polished letters of the text on the plaques, making the letters stand out better. He did not have pricing, but noted that the cost of bronze has gone up significantly since 2006. He recommended that our Commission, regardless of the

plaque design we settle on or the means of funding, consider permanency/durability and security as factors in that selection and mounting. He found the company was cooperative and helpful with suggestions in choosing design and material to meet their needs. He remains available if we have any further questions.

The next meeting date is Monday, August 20, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. (PR/KD)

Recorded by
Kim Draganchuk, Secretary