

## Minutes of the Joint Historic Preservation Commission

Village of Ellenville & Town of Wawarsing

Monday, July 20, 2015

The organizational meeting of the Joint HPC Commission was held in the Village of Ellenville Government Center, called to order by appointed Chair, Jeff Slade, at 5 P.M., with Commissioners Bonnie Hull & Kay Hull present. Commissioner Jeff Rubin arrived shortly thereafter, and Commissioners Gregg Wood and Paul Ross were absent. Also present was Wendy Harris, here to update us on a project she is researching for the Commission.

With regard to the election of officers, Jeff Slade was appointed Chairman by the Town of Wawarsing Board and the Village of Ellenville Board. Both Boards also appointed Bonnie and Kay Hull to 1-year terms (ending 2016), Jeff Rubin and Paul Ross to 2-year terms (ending 2017), and Jeff Slade and Rev. Gregg Wood to 3-year terms (ending 2018). While the resolutions establishing these terms did not say whether they end on December 31 or some other date, Jeff S. proposed that the Commission establish the terms as ending on December 31 of the appointed year. The Commission will vote on that proposal at its next meeting. As Chair, Jeff S. asked Kay to serve as Secretary Pro-Tem, which she agreed to do. We discussed the possibility of appointing a Village Vice-Chair and a Town Vice-Chair and perhaps a Treasurer (since we have received funds from the Town) but agreed there would be no decision or election of officers until ALL commissioners were present.

The minutes of June 8<sup>th</sup> Town and Village Commission meetings were both approved as circulated.

Concerning rules and tasks, Jeff Slade distributed copies of the existing "Rules of Town Commission" to use as a guideline to update and establish Rules for the Joint HPC. All Commissioners present agreed that it is our responsibility to regularly monitor the status of ALL existing landmarked properties.

Ms. Harris shared with the Commissioners her research thus far on the Dewitt-Benedict House. It was very informative, and Mr. Slade reminded everyone that since the Commission is now starting a nomination proceeding, we have 90 days to decide whether to nominate. Jeff will send a letter to the owners informing them of the proceeding and inviting them to meet with the Commission. Wendy will have a complete report for our September meeting.

Tim Lukaszewski has designed a logo for the Joint Commission, and the Commission will display it at our booth at the Blueberry Festival on August 8<sup>th</sup>. We also hope to have brochures to hand out (Jeff presented a reworded version of the brochure that was previously produced), and Commissioners will volunteer to be available for a couple of hours so there is someone at the table throughout the Festival. Mr. Slade will be able to be there the entire time (9 a.m.-4 p.m.). Jeff will try to borrow a tent for us for the day.

Mr. Rubin's article on the Slutsky Center is progressing, as is Bonnie's article on the Ellenville Reformed Church. Both should be ready for the Shawangunk Journal very soon.

Mr. Slade reported he has not heard from Bob Keagle regarding the purchase of the Vernooy-Bevier-Shepard House. There is no update on the Napanoch Study and that was to have been

completed last month. Mr. Slade will follow up with Marion Dumond on this. It may be necessary to get an extension from SHPO,

The Public Awareness Campaign is on hold until fall when Mr. Lukaszewski can work with his students on this project.

Regarding New Business, Mr. Slade announced the Town of Wawarsing's allocation to the JHPC of \$3,500 has been received. The Village of Ellenville's allocation of \$500 is available to us as a "spenddown" between now and May 31, 2016. Jeff suggested the Commission open a bank account, and Bonnie Hull has offered to serve as Treasurer. This will be discussed at our next meeting, scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 P.M. At that meeting, we will also finalize our needs/plans for our space at the Blueberry Festival. Our meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kay Hull

Secretary Pro Tem