

MINUTES OF JOINT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION - 9/21/15

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm by Chairman Jeff Slade. Those attending were Gregg Wood, Paul Ross, Bonnie Hull. Jeff Rubin arrived at 6 pm. Kay Hull was absent.

The minutes of August 3 were approved as circulated.

Chairman Slade had previously circulated the Napanoch study by Neil Larson. The final report should be completed by the deadline. At next meeting the Commission will discuss the optimal use of the study.

Members reviewed the success of the booth at the Blueberry Festival. Many people were interested, and several connections were made with people to further the work of the Commission. It was agreed to attend the festival next year on August 13.

Jeff Rubin and Bonnie Hull are proceeding with their work on articles for the Keeping History Alive series in the *Shawangunk Journal*. Mr. Rubin's article should be ready by the next meeting.

Jeff Slade reported that the letter sent to the owners of the DeWitt-Benedict house was delivered, but there has been no response as of yet. The Commission agreed the building needs to be landmarked because of its historic value. Paul Ross will try to contact the owners and set up a meeting with Jeff Slade or the Commission.

The next item on the agenda was the Public Awareness campaign. In connection with the Ellenville Public Library & Museum, plans are to print pamphlets with a listing of all historic markers so people can easily locate and learn of the landmarks. Jeff Slade and Paul Ross will be the Commission's representatives for this project. Jeff Slade will also set up a meeting with Tim Lukaszewski for ideas .

The election of officers was held, and the following were unanimously elected: Town Vice Chair- Rev. Gregg Wood, Village Vice Chair- Jeff Rubin, Treasurer- Paul Ross, Secretary Pro Tem- Bonnie Hull. Meeting times for the next three months were set up- Oct.19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14, all at 5:30 pm.

Jeff Slade reported the Commission has \$2345.25 in Town funds in the treasury after paying for the Town's share of studies, brochures etc. He will make a request to the Town for another grant of \$3500 in the coming year.

Jeff Slade circulated a letter from the Town of Wawarsing accentuating the value of the Historic Preservation Commission. The commission was asked to participate in Ulster County Heritage Day, but being too soon to be prepared it was agreed to plan on participating next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Hull, Secretary *pro tem*