

Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission
Village of Ellenville
August 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Gregg Wood at 5:08 p.m. in Village Hall. In attendance were Mr. Slade and Ms. Hull. Mr. Rubin and Mr. Ross were absent.

The minutes of the meeting of July 31 were approved as amended and circulated.

Following up on matters discussed at the meeting on July 31, it was noted that the Building Inspector had been informed that the Ellenville Reformed Church was not a local landmark and that the Commission had no authority over any work done at the church. Accordingly, the work proceeded on the church, and the front steps were replaced. The Commission appreciates the vigilance of the Building Inspector as to historic preservation.

The Commissioners discussed last Saturday's Blueberry Festival, during which Rev. Wood and Ms. Hull staffed a table and distributed the walking-tour brochure and the descriptive brochure. Suggestions were made as to how the effectiveness of our participation could be improved next year, including getting better signage.

The Commissioners discussed the condition of the landmarked D&H Canal Building at Canal Street and Berme Road. Repairs have not yet begun. Bonnie Hull and Kay Hull will visit the Building Inspector to urge him to require the work to proceed. Rev. Wood will follow up with Mayor Kaplan and Village Manager Stoeckler.

The Commission discussed the articles being written about historic buildings for the *Shawangunk Journal*: the Slutsky Center (Mr. Rubin); the Ellenville Reformed Church (1852, Ms. Hull); and St. John's Memorial Episcopal Church (Rev. Wood).

Mr. Slade reported that he had met with Mayor Kaplan to review proposed changes to the Village Historic Preservation Code to accomplish the creation of a joint commission with the Town. Mayor Kaplan had no issues with the proposed changes and instructed Mr. Slade to work with Village Attorney Peter Berger in preparing a draft for the Village Board. Mr. Slade hopes to have a draft ready for the Commission's September meeting.

Rev. Wood told the Commissioners that he would speak on the Commissions' (Town and Village) behalf at the Town's Historic Preservation Day, this coming Saturday (8/16).

The next meeting of the Commission will take place on September 8, at 5:00 p.m. in Village Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey C. Slade, Secretary