

VILLAGE OF ELLENVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 17, 2014
MINUTES

The February meeting of the Village of Ellenville Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 5:07 p.m. in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Government Center by Chair Jeff Rubin.

Present: Commissioners K. Draganchuk, J. Rubin, P. Ross and J. Slade.

Minutes of the January 13, 2014 meeting will stand as distributed.

Grant Project – Since our last meeting articles and photographs have continued to be published in the Shawangunk Journal’s series “Keeping History Alive.” During the month of March JR will take new photographs of historic properties to continue these articles to promote positive publicity.

D&H Canal Office- A letter expressing the commissioners’ concerns about the preservation of this locally landmarked building was submitted to Mayor Kaplan and the Board of Trustees.

Local Landmark Designation – JS and GW met with Mayor Kaplan and had a positive and productive discussion. Mayor Kaplan is on board with merging commissions and this is the top priority of both the Village and Town Historic Preservation Commissions.

JS and GW to schedule a second conversation with Mayor Kaplan to discuss the possibility on proceeding with locally landmarking contributing properties within the Downtown Historic District.

Positive Publicity Avenues – The HPC discussed the possibility to create a visible map in the business district. KD to contact Linda Poloski, the Business Manager to find out the remaining year’s HPC budget and what is the HPC’s annual budget. KD will also contact Tim Lukazewski to see if he and the students at Ellenville High School can assist in this project.

The commission also discussed the possibility of branding contributing properties within the Downtown Historic District with some sort of plaque containing a consistent logo.

Annual Report – KD completed the FY2012 Annual Report and sent it to SHPO’s Lorraine Weiss on January 30, 2014.

KD submitted her resignation letter effective March 1, 2014. The HPC would like to express its gratitude for KD’s work and dedication to the village and the HPC.

Commissioner Concerns: The HPC is beginning the search for a new commissioner.

The commissioners created a phone chain in case of an emergency/need to cancel or postpone a meeting.

The following are the meeting dates for the remainder of the year: March 10th, April 7th, May 19th and June 9th.

The next meeting date is Monday, March 10, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at Village Hall.

Please note that in between meetings HPC members working on projects should email progress, questions, etc. to all members rather than waiting for an official meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m. (PR/KD)

Recorded by Kim Draganchuk, Secretary