

Palmyra Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2016

Present: Chair Ellie Drake, Vice Chair Jim Elliott, Commissioners Chris Daly, Michael Haskins, John Robbins. Board Liaison Vicky Daly; Guest Joan DeCann.

Absent: Consulting Architect Mark Vande.

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm.

Minutes: Jim Elliott made a motion to accept the minutes as written, John Robbins seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CLG grant: The grant proposal must be submitted by the end of February, which makes it unlikely that we will be able to meet that deadline for 2016. If the grant is available next year, two possible uses for it include photographs of Palmyra's buildings or a flyer about the historic structures of the village. Ellie Drake said she would call about the 2-year contract period. In February the commission can draft the scope of the proposed work.

Land Banks: Vicky Daly said she would talk to the Mayor and the Supervisor about promoting the idea of a land bank in Wayne County among the County Supervisors to address the zombie homes issue. Land Banks allow counties or towns to take ownership of abandoned homes. In our case, the Village or Town can't do it; it has to be the taxing entity. The Finger Lakes Times had an article about the new Finger Lakes Land Bank. Vicky Daly said she would contact the NYCOM attorney Wade Beltramo about this.

Ninth Period History Class: Ellie Drake said David Young may speak in May. Anne Guest agreed to speak about Adm. Sampson, and Ellie also said she would contact Marilee Sampson Fisk. Michael Haskins said that Chip Stevens may be willing to speak again.

Other Business: Government level funding has been cut to parks, etc. Another funding possibility is the Rochester Community Foundation has no application deadline, and grants run from \$1,000 to \$5,000. It might work for the proposed flyers. A second possibility is the Bullis Fund. Vicky Daly will contact Dick Kirchhoff about the Bullis' requirements. Perhaps it can be used for the photography project. Vicky also suggested that there might be CLG funds for the flyer.

Flag: Ellie Drake said Mr. Nichols is making a case for the flag, and anticipates that it will be done by the end of February. Trustee Dave Husk said that it should go above the fountain in the Village Hall hallway. The case will be made out of local wood and will have a plaque.

Spotlight: Chris Daly said she spoke to Mrs. Behlke about spotlighting their home.

Code Enforcement Officer: Ellie Drake invited the new Code Enforcement Officer but he did not respond to her invitation.

Joan DeCann shared her progress with the local nomination of her home. She also expressed reservations about being on the Commission as she didn't think she could devote enough time to it, given her other obligations.

The meeting closed at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Daly.