

Palmyra Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2013

Present: Commissioners Chris Daly, Ellie Drake, Jim Elliott, Michael Haskins. Becky Remington.
Alternate Vicky Daly.

Absent: Alternate Tim Kurek. Architect Consultant Mark Vande.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Jim Elliott at 7:10 pm.

Review of Minutes for the April and May 2013 meetings: Vicky Daly stated that Dr. Griffith wanted to make it clear that she is not interested "*at this time*" to pursue National Register Nomination. She may be interested in doing so in the future. Also, Michael Haskins corrected the minutes to state that he was present for the Village Board meeting that addressed the fire on Main Street. Vicky Daly made a motion that the minutes be approved, and Michael Haskins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of the "to do" list: Vicky Daly called Bob Culver about speaking. She also called Tammy Whitaker, who is a stringer for the local paper to invite her to our meetings; Tammy is unavailable on Thursdays. Vicky has not as of this meeting talked to Andrea Rebek about speaking. Vicky spoke to Iain Gellatly, who is working on his barn. The Gellatlys have the application for local landmark designation.

Meeting with Mayor Piccola and Trustee Perry: Vicky Daly said that engineers were coming back to see Don Seconi's red brick building, to avoid damage in the razing of the burnt out buildings. The Times of Wayne County and the Wayne Post both have full page ads taken out by Mark Crane sharing plans for the soon to be empty lots.

Spotlights and Ninth Period History Classes: Vicky Daly said that Gene Bavis has committed to a talk on October 17, 2013. In December there will be no meeting.

Chris Daly said she was willing to write up captions for Spotlit buildings for the local papers and website. Chris said she would ask Mark Vande if he would be willing to take photos when needed. Michael Haskins said he would be willing to ask people if they would allow us to spotlight their buildings. Ellie Drake reminded the group that she has the photos taken for the National Register Historic District nomination.

July – no meeting

August – no meeting

September – meeting, spotlight

October - Speaker Gene Bavis with a meeting after

November – meeting, spotlight

December – no meeting

January – meeting, spotlight

February – Speaker

March – meeting, spotlight

April – speaker

May – meeting, spotlight

June – Speaker

Possible speakers: Pete Henry who worked with Lock 60 in Macedon – Vicky Daly offered to ask if he was willing to speak. Betsy Lewis will be asked by Vicky to see if she was willing to speak about the history of the Western Presbyterian church and the UGRR. Michael Haskins offered to ask Chip Stevens if he would speak. At this point, February, April and June are open for speakers.

SEQR: Jim Elliott and Ellie Drake signed up for the seminar on SEQR changes, which is June 26, 2013 at 8:30 am.

Other Business: Becky provided a photo of the National Register of Historic Places District. Perhaps there could be one for Palmyra Vicky Daly said the district is too big, and that permission would be needed from the DOT.

Jim Elliott was approached by the new owners of the Mooney House on Cuyler about appropriate roofing materials. Vicky Daly suggested that a packet of info be given to the home owners.

Vicky Daly said that as a Commission we need to be familiar with the Certificate of Appropriateness and Hardship procedures and applications. She recommended that everyone read or reread Local Landmarkers 3/2008 (#7) and Summer 2009 (#9) about the CLG audit. She recently learned that when a structure is nominated locally, the SHPO must be notified. Vicky can provide the Landmarkers if people don't have them.

Vicky Daly pointed out a feature in the Sunday Democrat about a rehabber named Deborah Cleveland. Vicky invited her to Palmyra, and copied in Bob McNary (Planning) and Peg Churchill (IDA). She thinks it might be worthwhile to give Ms. Cleveland a walking tour of the Village.

Vicky Daly asked the Village Office to get in touch with area preservation commissions to see if they charge their residents for Certificates of Appropriateness.

Vicky Daly said she would try to follow up with the Gellatlys.

Becky Remington said she spoke to Andy Wahl (Pal-Mac HS Principal). Ellie Drake said she would get in touch with Mr. Wahl after the start of school in September.

The next meeting will be September 19.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Daly.