

Village of Palmyra Historic Preservation Commission
November 18, 2021
Village Hall, 7:00 pm

Present: C. Daly, J. Elliott, E. Drake, M. Haskins, L. Premylovsky

Approval of September and October minutes - unanimous

Discussion with Stacey Welch (local landmark designation) – Stacy was unable to attend

Quarterly report (C. Daly) – reviewed presentation to Village Board

Presentation/training (E. Drake – Zoom meeting Landmark Society, December 2020 – From Grassroots Preservation to Neighborhood Revitalization – City of Binghamton) – 40 minutes

Discussion by Binghamton community members about the restoration of the Sturtevant House and the process involved. The house was slated for demolition, but community members lobbied the Land Bank, which had taken over the property following a tax foreclosure to find a new use for the structure. Both the mayor and a City Councilwoman were also involved as were the local credit union, the United Way and some SUNY Binghamton students. It is now home to five low-income apartments and a first floor Community Center. The non-profit group found a number of other historic homes needing renovation and bundled them into a viable project that could receive funding from New York State Homes and Community Renewal.

The fire at the laundromat was discussed along with other parts of Palmyra history.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Drake