Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission Village of Ellenville March 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Rubin at 5:15 p.m. at Village Hall. In attendance were Mr. Slade and Mr. Ross. Rev. Wood was absent.

The minutes of the meeting February 14, submitted by departing Secretary *Kim Draganchuk*, were approved as circulated.

After discussion, the Commissioners agreed that it was worthwhile to continue the project that had started under the Village's CLG grant, *Keeping History Alive*. Mr. Rubin will continue to take pictures of historic buildings and work with Ms. Marion Dumond to create articles on those buildings for the *Shawangunk Journal*.

Mr. Rubin reported that we have not been informed of any action on our suggestion that the D&H Canal Office building, a Village landmark, be painted. Mr. Rubin will invite Building Inspector Brian Schug to our next meeting, and the subject can be further explored at that time.

Mr. Slade reported that he had discussed the possible designation of the Village's National Historic Register District as a Village landmark with Mayor Kaplan and that those discussions would continue.

Mr. Rubin reported that Ms. Draganchuk had inquired of the Ellenville High School whether they would be interested in working on a landmark sign for the Village, much as they had done with the landmark brochure, and that she had received a positive response. Mr. Slade reported that the Town HPC has decided to ask for a meeting with Nevele Hotel owner Michael Treanor to explore possible cooperation between the Town/Village Commissions and the Nevele as it moves forward on its application for a gambling license. One possible avenue of cooperation might be to provide signage. Ms. Dumond, Chair of the Town Commission, will attempt to set up such a meeting. The Commission has also inquired about the status of its budget for the present and upcoming years and is awaiting a response from Linda Polinski

Mr. Slade reported that he had reviewed the Village Preservation Code with an eye to amendments that would be necessary to create a joint Village/Town Commission and that he had concluded that it would be advisable to change the Village Code to make it more similar to the Town Code, which was amended in early 2013 to create a better landmarking process. He will discuss that possibility with Mayor Kaplan and report back to the Commission.

The next meeting of the Commission will take place on April 7, at 5:00 p.m. in Village Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey C. Slade, Secretary