

Minutes of the Joint Historic Preservation Commission

Village of Ellenville & Town of Wawarsing

Monday, August 3, 2015

The meeting of the Joint HPC was held in the Village of Ellenville Government Center and was called to order by Chair, Jeff Slade, at 5:03 P. M. Other Commissioners present were Gregg Wood, Bonnie Hull, and Kay Hull, with Jeff Rubin arriving at 5:20 P.M. Commissioner Paul Ross was absent. Also attending the meeting was Neil Larson, present to report on the standing of the Napanoch Study he has been working on for us. The minutes of the July 20th meeting were approved as amended. The election of officers was again postponed until we have ALL commissioners in attendance.

Mr. Larson reported on the research he has done thus far on the Napanoch Study. He stated that he had met with Marion Dumond the previous week, provided us with an extensive spread sheet of buildings in Napanoch from information he gleaned from Ulster County property records (which he will "pare down" for us), and advised us that his attempts to meet with Town Historian, "Bucky" Green, has been unsuccessful thus far. Kay Hull will contact Bucky in an effort to have him reach out to Neil and schedule a meeting to discuss which buildings might be included in a Napanoch Historic District so that, together, they can connect the history to the building(s). Since this project needs to be completed by the end of September, Neil will try to get a narrative to us for our September (14th) meeting.

Mr. Slade reported that he was able to get a tent, table and chairs, two JHPC signs, hand-out brochures and tax flyers for our space at the Blueberry Festival on Saturday, August 8th. Jeff Rubin advised he has photographs of some of the landmarked buildings along with Wendy Harris' photos of Yama Farms and Jeff Slade will purchase picture frames for them so they can be displayed on our table at the Festival. The commissioners present stated they would be able to spend some time at the booth throughout the day to provide information and answer any questions visitors may have.

The new owners of the Vernooy-Bevier-Shepard House are getting settled and their meeting with us in the near future looks promising. Mr. Slade has written to the owners of the Dewitt-Benedict House and is awaiting a response from them.

The Public Awareness Campaign is on hold until school resumes.

Mr. Slade reported he has opened a bank account for the Joint HPC at Catskill Bank. He and Bonnie Hull will be the two signatures on the account.

Mr. Slade indicated that Marion Dumond would like the Commissioners to meet with the Ellenville Public Library anniversary group members. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14th at 5:30 P.M. We agreed to change the start of the meeting so that Mr. Rubin would have time to get here from work. Tonight's meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kay Hull, Secretary Pro Tem