

Palmyra Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes February 18, 2010

Ninth Period History Class began with Commission Chair Jim Elliott introducing Cynthia Howk of the Landmark Society of Western New York. Cynthia spoke about the upcoming April LSWNY conference to be held in Palmyra. She also talked about things that the Commission members should keep in mind as representatives of the Preservation commission.

Among the things she shared was the need for a preservation commission to be perceived as being a resource to the community, not obstructionist.

The business meeting was called to order at 8:05 pm.

Commission members present: Chris Daly, Ellie Drake, Jim Elliott, Mike Haskins, and Judy Zanin.

Guests present: Ken Bradstreet, deputy mayor; Vicky Daly, board liaison and mayor.

Mike Haskins agreed to be the coordinator of the Ninth Period History Class events.

Possible future speakers include:

- Wolcott fundraiser brought to the Commission's attention by Ken Bradstreet;**
- Dean George, who is in the process of purchasing a Queen Anne home in Clifton Springs in need of attention;**
- Someone from Zion Episcopal who was involved in the work made possible by the Sacred Sites fund.**

It was decided that that the speakers would be scheduled by the Commission meeting in the month preceding the quarterly event. (ie: the May speaker would be set up by the April meeting, to allow for advertising.)

The Commission members went through their documents to make sure everyone had the essential items. The following items were considered necessary:

- Local Landmarkers**
- Commission minutes**
- Local ordinance**
- Paperwork relating to materials and architectural styles**
- Palmyra's historic district National Register nomination**
- Commission members training manual**

Other business:

Ken Bradstreet notified the members of the commission that Zoning and Planning were having a joint meeting on March 4th.

Ellie Drake stated that she would not be at the March meeting.

The Commission members were encouraged to attend the April Landmark Society meeting, and were told that their fee would be reimbursed by the Village.

Plaques: Custom Trophies' original estimate of how much the plaques would cost was not accurate, as it turns out, a more accurate estimate is \$175 - \$180. Ellie Drake agreed to do some research online to see if she can locate a more affordable option.

Historic District Maps: Mark Vande provided a map of the historic district, which will be mounted on foam core.

Possible local landmark designations: churches, Griffith house (if Dr. Griffith agrees), the Gellatly home.

Motion to adjourn made by Judy Zanin, seconded by Ellie Drake.

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm.