

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING: May 11, 2021

ATTENDEES: Harry Wright, Margaret Maggard, Historian, John Jacoby, Town Representative Zach Collister, Ed Millar, Karen Lyle, lawasko@verizon.net

Absent: Brock Davies, Michael Rhoney

Since there was not a quorum at the last meeting, there are no notes to report.

Harry made a motion to start the meeting; Zach Collister seconded the motion.

A new designation form was discussed. It was discovered that a home on Calkins Road is already designated as a historic property.

We also looked at the List of designated properties after 1981. Louise has done a review and will look at again. However, this should be the list; any additional should be provided to Zach. A footer will be added to the list with a date for future revisions. It was noted that the Scovell house is not designated and should be removed?

Other topics: Do we have the original designated forms for properties. We should have the backup in our notebooks. There should be the current designated list with the backup in the book. The Kivi home was the last one so designated. Designation of the Amos Sage Tyron house was raised. The home is located at 4772 River home (former owner, Dan Forsythe). The Niagara County GIS is available for real estate transactions throughout the county.

Examine the list of homes built before 1820 and not historical; 7 homes are listed. The members should drive around and look at them; 4584 Dickerson Road is such a property. The Millville house is missing from the list. Dickersonville property was renovated and a garage was added. Once a home is entirely revamped it can no longer be designated as historic. Too many alterations have been made to other homes in the past. A house abstract is very helpful. Raw property cannot be designated as historic.

In Lewiston 1813 homes were burned. The Frontier house was built after this along with the yellow house (now a desert shop). Carmello's kitchen survived the fire. Also discussed the tunnels in Art Park. Reporters in 1911 went through the tunnels.

Ed Millar prepared a book on Historical Properties and includes basic information about the properties and is a working document. Photos were produced from Google Maps. Ed will provide a PDF for all along with copies. Great job Ed!

Plaques were discussed for designated homes. We think the original homeowner should be listed.

Business cards were provided to all on the Commission which will come in handy when discussing with a homeowner historic designation.

The topic was raised on the cemetery on Ridge. One of the boy scouts cleaned it previously for an Eagle Scott project. Residents near the cemetery would be notified of cleaning.

Other topics discussed: J. Boardman Scovell and the Frontier House along with Oak Hill Mansion. Millar house is now owned by the Washuta Foundation on Lower River Road by the stone pillars.

Access is available, the fall season would be a better time. The People, Inc. house has one of the oldest cemeteries starting in the early 1800's, along with 2 barns, an ice house and some of the oldest trees anywhere. There also is a grave site at Bloody Run by NU. Ed will look into this.

NEXT MEETING: June 8, 2021

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