

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING: March 9, 2021

ATTENDEES: Harry Wright, Marjorie, Maggard, Historian, John Jacoby, Town Representative, Zach Collister, Ed Millar, Karen Lyle

Absent: Brock Davies, Michael Rhoney

There were no meetings held in January and February due to Covid.

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

Minutes from our last meeting were approved.

Marjorie shared the article which appeared in the Niagara Gazette regarding the discovery of the incorporation date for the Town of Lewiston. Also provided was the approved new Town of Lewiston seal approved by the Town of Lewiston Board.

There was a discussion of a trip that Zach took past Oakhill to the Country Club trail along the railroad track. There are remnants of farming, fencing and telephone poles along the trail with ornate stone and a bridge and spring. Zach also had some pictures of the area.

Marjorie met with the Town of Niagara historian and looked at some plaques for the Oakwood Cemetery. Also, a pamphlet was shared of a self-guided map/tool for touring the Cemetery. Plaques are available in Erie and the cost is approximately \$120 each. There are approximately 10 houses with plaques in the town. The Committee agreed that more work and investigation need to happen regarding the plaques and Harry agreed to look into the matter. Regarding the self-guided touring map, the Committee would need a Consultant to help here.

Harry introduced our new Training Guide and everyone received a copy. Going forward a topic from the Guide will be introduced and discussed each month. Code 40 plus the Guide will be very helpful in historic designation for the Committee. The State, James Finelli has offered to come to our Town to conduct a briefing at no charge. We may ask James to do this at some point.

Harry requested a list of all the designated properties to be placed in a program or excel spreadsheet with name and address of designated home. Same could be placed into a binder and retained for the Town of Lewiston. The Kivi property was the most recent so designated home.

There was also a discussion of the area off Lower River Road between Dutton Drive and Stella Niagara. There are two stone columns introducing the property. This property is now owned by the Washuta Foundation. The remains of a farm are evident which was previously named Rosebank Farm, Lewiston, New York. There is a collapsed farm house and a collapsed "L" shaped barn as well. South of the trail was the old Millar house.

Ed Millar made a motion to close the meeting and Zach seconded the motion.

NEXT MEETING: April 13th at 6:00 at Town Hall.

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