

# LANCASTER NEW YORK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF MEETING – March 10, 1999 Public Meeting – National Register Nominees

### 1. ATTENDANCE:

Present: Mr. James Keysa  
Mrs. Jean Brunea  
Mrs. Jeannette Pecqueur  
Dr. Ronald Batt  
Mr. Michael Meyer  
Mr. Joseph Giallanza  
Mr. William Harnack  
Mr. Dan Baccari

Guest Speakers: Mr. Robert Kuhn  
Ms. Claire Ross  
Mr. David Taylor

#### Property Owners/Representatives:

Boys/Girls Club	Phyllis Dickinson
Bruce-Briggs	Denise Drushler
Zuidema-Idsardi	Dennis Szuniewicz
Van Peyma	Ron & Karen Olsen
Richardson	Joe Giallanza
Clark-Lester	Jim Keysa
St. Elizabeth Home	Carol Wantuck

1. Claire Ross made a brief presentation to the public:

She explained that (SHPO) needed owner's consent and gave benefits:

- Homeowner pride
- Homeowner can list tax credit with income producing property
- No restrictions as far as updating home
- Grants available for not-for-profit organizations:
  - Lancaster Presbyterian Church
  - Boys and Girls Club
  - St. Elizabeth's Home

Claire Ross distributed a form letter for Property owners to sign whether they concur or object to their home being nominated.

2. Mr. Robert Kuhn made a brief presentation to the public:

He stated that there were no other approvals needed other than those already in place.  
He touched on the Grants available for not-for-profit organizations.  
He stated that properties can be de-listed/paperwork destroyed.

3. Mr. David Taylor made a brief presentation to the public:

He gave the public a brief explanation of his relationship/background with Lancaster.  
He explained the process he went through to get the homes nominated for the National Registry. There are a total of 17 properties, for now he is concentrating on the first 12.

Mr. Taylor had already contacted homeowners for taking photos of the interiors of the homes nominated.

He explained the benefits of being on The National Register:

- Homeowner pride
- Tax incentives:
  - Homeowner Tax Assistant Act
    - Tax credits similar to income properties
    - Lower rate mortgages (tax free rate for bank)

4. Mr. James Keysa asked each individual property owner for their comments/questions regarding the nomination of their home.

The comments are as follows:

**VanPeyma House – Ron & Karen Olsen** were concerned with making changes to their home and were interested in getting more information on tax incentives. Mr. David Taylor assured them that they could make changes.

**Clark-Lester House - Mr. James Keysa** – Honored to have his home nominated for The National Registry and stated that he is in the process of making changes to his home.

**The Richardson House – Mr. Joseph Giallanza** – Honored to have his home nominated for the National Registry. Very proud.

**Zuidema-Idsardi House – Dennis Szuniewicz** – Has no objections.

**Bruce-Briggs House – Denise Drushler** – Honored to have her home nominated, asked if the other two tenants need to concur for the whole building to be eligible for the National Registry and Mr. Robert Kuhn said at least 2 out of 3 owners need to concur for it to be listed.

**St. Elizabeth Home – Carol Wantuck** – Very honored., has no objections.

**Boys and Girls Club – Phyllis Dickinson** – as Board Member of The Boys and Girls Club, she could not speak on behalf of the owner and concluded that she will need to make a presentation to the Board at the next meeting regarding The National Registry.

Dr. Ronald Batt will assist Mr. David Taylor in taking photographs of the 12 homes nominated and suggested that we form a contractor registry showing Contractors specializing in restoring old homes.

The meeting came to a conclusion at 9:15 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by Kim VanDeBogart**