

# LANCASTER NEW YORK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF MEETING - September 1, 1999

### 1. ATTENDANCE:

Present: James Keysa  
Jean Brunea  
William Harnack  
Michael Meyer

Excused: Joe Giallanza  
Jan Pecqueur

~~Absent:~~ Ron Batt

### 2. HEARINGS:

**#1 West Main Street** - There were no hearings scheduled, but the group formally approved the two signs for Scarlett's Collectibles (1 West Main St) This had been done by the group previously after copies of the sign's were faxed to members and then called. The business will be opening shortly.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of August meeting were approved. Motion by Jean Brunea, Seconded by Mike Meyer, approved by all.

### 4. TREASURER'S REPORT: (Balance as of 8-4-99)

Professional Services:	\$ 932.50
Dues:	\$ 600.00
Office Supplies:	\$ 600.00

### 5. OLD BUSINESS:

#### (A). BROADWAY: (5429 & 5431)

The group reviewed the site plan prepared by Mike Meyer showing how the removal of only the building at 5431 Broadway would provide almost as much parking as the removal of both structures; it would provide better access to the Moose entrance; it would not look like a "suburban parking lot; and it would preserve an important historic building which creates a natural transition from the downtown area to the residential area on Broadway.

A meeting is planned for Wednesday 9-8-99 at the Municipal Building at 7:30 pm for our board and the Village board to discuss the issue.

Mr. Keysa reported that the D.O.T. is doing considerable work in surveying the area this summer.

**(B). NATIONAL REGISTER:**

Claire Ross from SHPO has been in contact regarding the official meeting on Friday, September 17, 1999 when the vote will be taken in Albany, NY on acceptance of the 12 buildings in the Village of Lancaster which have been nominated to the State and National Register of Historic Places. All of the board will be attending with the exception of Mike Meyer who cannot attend. Bill Harnack plans to drive to Albany that morning and the rest have plane reservations. The ceremony will be held in the Red Room in the Capitol Building followed by lunch and a tour.

To date, none of the property owners have indicated that they do not want their property listed and both Mr. Keysa, as the Chairman of the Historic District Commission and Mayor Cansdale have sent letters in support which are required.

**(C). RITE-AID DRUG STORE:**

Joseph Giallanza was not available to update the group on any progress. It was noted that there may be a possible sale of the Rite-Aid chain to Eckert or Walmart in which case the project may be re-assessed..

**(D). DISTRICT EXTENSION:**

David Taylor of Taylor & Taylor has written to indicate that he would be able to prepare the blue forms on the buildings within the extension of the district at a rate of (\$100 per building) \$6,000. These are needed so as to be able to review the properties when changes are sought, to be able to have the necessary background information on each and to be able to identify each of the properties.

**(E). PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH/CORNISH HOME (11 LAKE AVE)**

There has been no contact by the Church as to the plans they intend to submit for a new sanctuary. Their intention is to present it for approval first to the congregation, then to a governing body of the church and then to our board.

Mr. Keysa indicated he spoke with Mr. Rob Laschinger in August about his plans to acquire and move #11 Lake Ave. To Park Blvd. He indicated Mr. Laschinger and his wife were going to approach Mrs. Palmer and her son William again regarding this.

**(F). MEETING WITH VILLAGE MERCHANTS**

Mr. Keysa attended a meeting with the merchants at Memories Restaurant in mid-August. He reported to them about the status of various projects such as Broadway, Central Avenue, the Rite-Aide store, etc. They indicated that it was more information that they had received in the past year. They do not feel that the Village government is communicating with them adequately.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- (A). The board discussed once again sending notices to people who own properties in the historic district as to what they must do for changes they wish to make. The board also felt that it would be a good idea to update them as to the various projects going on in the area.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE/ARTICLES:**

- (A). Lancaster/Depew Bee - Pg 19 (8-12-99)  
"Masonic Temple will become office complex"
- (B). Buffalo News - Pg 1 - 8-125-99  
"Drivers Beware" (also page A-6 - status of roads including Broadway)

**8. UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

It was moved by Bill Harnack and seconded by Jean Brunea (approved) to begin our meetings at 7:15 pm and to schedule hearings for 8 pm. We will then be able to break for the hearings.

Next regular meetings:

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| a). | Wednesday, October 6, 1999  | 7:15 pm |
| b). | Wednesday, November 3, 1999 | 7:15 pm |

Next **special** meeting:

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| a). | Wednesday, September 8, 1999 | 7:30 pm (re: parking lot) |
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**Respectfully submitted by Kim M. VanDeBogart**