



Village of Lancaster HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

5423 BROADWAY

LANCASTER, NEW YORK 14086

LANCASTER NEW YORK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE
AND
THE FRIENDS OF BROADWAY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
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ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Mr. James Keysa, Chairman
Mr. Joseph Giallanza
Mr. William Harnack
Mrs. Mary Harcrow, Secretary
Mrs. Jean Brunea, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Jeannette Pecqueur
Mr. James Brody
Mr. David Taylor
Mr. Dan Bacarri

ABSENT: Mr. Michael Meyer
Dr. Paul Kendall

HEARINGS:

A: 37 School Street - Removal of Existing 6'x 11"/Addition of 22'x 14:

An architectural drawing of the pending addition was received from Gary and Patricia Wrest as requested at the April 8 meeting. A motion was made by Joe Giallanza to approve the application and Bill Harnack seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from the Meeting on April 8, 1998: Bill Harnack made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Joe Giallanza after noting the changes reported by Jim Keysa that the SBL numbers have been submitted to Elaine Salvo and that it was incorrectly reported that the Aurora-Central bridge will be shifted to the South. The changes will be made for the record.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A) LNYHDC - Professional Services: \$ 100.57
Office Supplies: \$ 30.17

B) FOB - Duane Redlinski submitted the balance figure of \$2,844.32.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Broadway:

- 1) Status: A meeting with the DOT was held on Wednesday April 29. Dave Brody and Jim Keysa summarized the meeting as follows:
 - > The Village needs to speak as ONE voice -- everyone work together. This is why the Mayor called a meeting for Saturday May 16 at 9:00 a.m. The Mayor has asked each Board (Partnership, Planning, Zoning, Historic District) to outline the particular issues they are concerned about and present them in writing at this meeting.
 - > The Village needs to reiterate their stance that 3 lanes is sufficient.
 - > M & T Bank has settled the parking issues with the parking lot on the west side of the bank and a new entrance
 - > We need to include the widening up to Lake Avenue

Dave Brody's comments as he reported:

The DOT is undergoing changes within the administration. Mr. Russell is the head administrator and he is a believer in "community input". This is something that has not be an important factor in the past and is considered a change in the way they do business. Tom Romano and Kevin Fahey are working on adapting to these changes.

The NFTC reported that the model of the traffic studies for the region is "updated constantly" and Dave felt that whether or not we agree or disagree, we do not have the money to argue this point (several hundred thousands of dollars). He also felt that the DOT was not backing down and they will fight us if necessary.

Dave reported that the DOT does not make the decision all by themselves. Their job is to use their best judgment to tell us what is or is not the safest road situation for us. They believe that 3 lanes (36') is not safe and will not account for the future traffic during the period of time up to year 2010-2020.

He suggested that we start asking the DOT to re-route trucks off of Route 20 now. This would probably take many years to complete so the sooner this is started, the better off everyone would be.

The DOT is asking for a renewed input from all agencies involved in the widening project. They want one final consensus. It was decided that the LHD/FOB would support the following:

LHD/FOB will accept no more than 3 lanes (37') wide from Park Blvd East to the Village Line. We are requesting a guarantee in writing that this area will only be 3 lanes (37') wide.

The widening of Broadway project should include the intersection of Broadway and Lake Avenue.

4 lanes of traffic from Park Blvd to Aurora Street and in this area include enhancements such as saving as many trees as possible, planting a new tree line, etc.

Aurora Street to West Village Line be 3 lanes (37').

For the tree planting/replanting to begin as soon as possible before the work even begins in that area. These trees should be replaced with decent size caliper and type (large shade trees).

*** Mary will draft up the resolution as stated above so that everyone will have a chance to comment on and/or amend any issues. A meeting will be held Monday May 11, 1998 to go over our resolution. A copy of the final resolution that will be submitted has been filed with our records.

- 2) Tree Ordinance: Everyone was once again asked to go over these ordinances and be willing to discuss/comment on what is felt to be appropriate for our needs.

B: SBL Numbers: They have been submitted to Elaine Salvo for recording.

C: National Register Process

Dave Taylor reported that he has started working on the NRP. He will finish taking all the necessary photographs of the buildings within the next day or so. He suggested that we work on getting all the owner's notified that their property is becoming eligible for the National Register. He suggested that we contact the Preservation Office for guidance and to help with a draft form for us to send out to the property owners.

D: 1998-1999 Budget:

The Budget has been approved for a total of \$ 2,200.00 which is broken down as follows:

OFFICE SUPPLIES:	\$ 600.00
DUES, SUBSCRIPTIONS & SEMINARS	\$ 600.00
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:	\$ 1000.00

E: Prior Hearings/Discussions:

Dan reported that Gina will be focusing her attention on citing these properties:

- 1. Gary Schaff - 41 Central Avenue - sign
- 2. Coburn - 25 Central Avenue - sign
- 3. Prism - 37 Central Avenue - sign
- 4. 14 Church Street - windows were replaced, not as approved
- 5. Sugg - 21 Clark Street - fence

F: Sesquicentennial of Village of Lancaster (1849-1999):

Jim reported that the initial meeting was held with lots of ideas discussed. Any further discussion was put on hold due to lack of time.

G: Extension of district Resolution:

A motion was made by Joe Giallanza to extend the Historic District to include the area as outlined as the Central Business District. Jeannette Pecqueur seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved. A motion was also made by Joe Giallanza, seconded by Bill Harnack to hold a Public Hearing on June 3 (The next monthly LHD meeting) at 8:00 P.M. to discuss this historic district extension. Dan Bacarri and Mark Acquino will get this notice published in the paper and get a notice out to the property owners at least 10 days prior to the hearing date of June 3.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE/ARTICLES:

An article in the Springville Journal regarding creating a downtown historic district in Springville.

Bill reported on the conference sponsored by the Preservation League of NYS which he attended in Ithaca on May 1-3, 1998. Mary will make copies of the many handouts he received there. The most important issue discussed was about Drugstore Case Summaries regarding their expansions.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

The next meeting of the Lancaster Historic District Board is scheduled for June 3, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.

A Public Hearing on the extension of the LHD will be held on June 3, 1998 at 8:00 p.m.

A special meeting on the DOT widening Project to re-affirm our resolution will be held on Saturday, May 16, 1998 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mary Harcrow, Secretary