

LISTED 5/23/05
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**LANCASTER, NEW YORK
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of April 13, 2005**

Attendance:

Jean Brunea
Jan Pecqueur
Joseph Giallanza
Michael Meyer
Ann Karb

Absent:

William Harnack

Excused:

James Keysa

This evening's meeting was called to order by Jean Brunea who was acting in place of Chairman James Keysa.

HEARINGS:

A. Dennis Keicher for Joan Eldridge – 23 School Street – Window and Door – North side of house.

Mr. Keicher appeared before the Board as a representative of his mother-in-law, Joan Eldridge, who wishes to install a new window and door on the Scott Street side of her home. They wish to replace the present single panel window and frame with a double panel casement style window with muttons, and replace the existing door with a four-panel door with a lunette window. Joe Giallanza felt that the building is not historically or architecturally significant and the window and door were being replaced in kind. He was not certain that a Certificate of Appropriateness was necessary to make these changes.

Joe Giallanza made a motion to approve the change of the door and window as described. Second by Jan Pecqueur. Voted on and approved by Board members.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes from the meeting of March 23, 2005, were distributed and read. There were no additions or corrections noted. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Michael Meyer. Second by Jean Brunea. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Jean Brunea provided committee members with a copy of the Treasurer's report. A balance of approximately \$1,000 remains in our account. There are still pending vouchers from Ann Karb for secretarial services from Jean Brunea for office supplies.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Broadway/Central Avenue.

There was nothing to report.

B. Sign Ordinance.

Jim Keysa was to have sent a letter to Mayor Cansdale addressing the Sign Ordinance. It is uncertain if this has been done.

C. Rotary Park.

There was nothing new reported on the park project.

D. Book Project.

It is hoped that the \$7,500 that we requested from the Village will be granted to match the funds authorized by the Town Board.

E. Vacancy on Board.

A replacement for Ron Batt has not as yet been appointed. It was discussed that Jeff Striving might be approached as a possible member and he will be contacted. Another possible candidate to be considered is Tina Preston, a resident of Lancaster who is felt to be very preservation oriented and would make a positive contribution to the Board.

F. Preservation Week.

Jean Brunea informed Board members that there was an article in the Lancaster Historical Society newsletter concerning an essay contest that Bill Harnack, Village Historian, is conducting as a means of participating in Preservation Week.

G. House and Garden Tours.

(1) It was noted that there is an upcoming house tour in Buffalo in the Franklin Street area and Jim Keysa has information on that tour. Jean Brunea will find out the details and notify any interested members.

(2) The Lancaster house and garden tour will be held on July 16 and 17. This was a very successful event that was conducted for the first time in 2004.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to report.

Review of Prior Hearings and Miscellaneous Issues:

(A) Potter's House – Lancaster Presbyterian Church.

It was noted that nothing further has been heard from the church committee. Jean Brunea called members' attention to a letter Bill Harnack had written to the Lancaster Bee explaining that the Historic District Commission is a totally separate entity from the Lancaster Historical Society. The letter also made reference to the fact that the Potter's House had been eligible for recognition on the National Historic Register, but that church authorities rejected this designation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

(A) Wednesday, May 11, 2005.

(B) Wednesday, June 8, 2005.

(C) Wednesday, July 13, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.