

Lancaster, New York

MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2008

**1. Attendance / Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairman Meyer.

Jean Brunea	<u>  x  </u>	Michael Meyer, Chair	<u>  x  </u>	Jeff Stribing	<u>  x  </u>
Joseph Giallanza	<u>  ex.  </u>	Jan Pecqueur	<u>  ex.  </u>	Jeff Simme	<u>  ex.  </u>
William Harnack	<u>  x  </u>	Grace Miller	<u>  x  </u>		

Roll call indicated that four (4) board members were present and a quorum existed.

**2. Hearings / Petitions:**

**a.) Trinity Episcopal Church (5448 Broadway):** Front Stair and Handicap ramp/deck

Mr. Don White of D.A.W. Home Improvement: Proposing a deck will cover current stairs, with new cast concrete stairs added at front. The door is outswing. The decking and railing will be of maintenance-free composite material. Provided drawings and photos.

Meyer would prefer wrought iron.

Harnack noted that the proposed changes are not required by law; noted that the back of the building is accessible and interior changes could be made, which would not be of concern to us.

Meyer suggested the possibility of putting in another door to the side with ramp along side, rather than obscuring front.

Stribing suggested a new ramp similar to the one in the old property inventory picture, but Simme noted that this would not be in compliance with newer code.

Miller suggested that it is in the interest of the residents of Lancaster that accessibility be provided, and suggested a working meeting with the Trinity Church to look at appropriate alternatives.

Brunea suggests something that looks more in line with the building.

MOTION: Meyer abstains from any vote pertaining to this property, therefore a quorum does not exist. Meyer makes a motion to table the item, seconded by Brunea.

ACTION: The matter is tabled pending further communication with the Trinity Church about alternative solutions. Miller will send a letter to the applicant and contractor indicating that the petition has been tabled and suggesting a meeting be arranged with Mr. Meyer.

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**b) Petals to Please (63 Central Ave): Window Signage**

Kieran Gallagher: New business owner, took over in Feb.; Dawn Gaczewski –

Adworks: provided color images of proposed signage.

1. Vinyl signs on windows facing Central Ave. – floral themed, stating products/services.
2. Business sign facing Pleasant Ave. – Same size as previous sign with updated logo.

Harnack, Meyer and Brunea: suggest also a sign coming out perpendicular to the building along Central Ave.

Simme: Must clear 8 feet.

MOTION: Brunea: Accept petition as presented. Seconded by Miller.

MOTION APPROVED: In a vote of four (4) to zero (0). Carried.

**3. Administrative Matters:**

**a) Approval of meeting minutes:**

MOTION: Harnack: To approve minutes from February 13, 2008 meeting.

Seconded by Brunea.

MOTION APPROVED: In a vote of four (4) to zero (0). Carried.

**b) Communications/Reports:**

**1. Treasurer's Report:** None.

**2. Boston Conference:** Harnack attended.

A. Tax credits – pamphlets and applications.

B. Profitable preservation: Bottom-line based decisions – NY was noted as being unworkable. What works is getting property for nothing and getting large federal tax credits (at least \$1 million), and ALSO state tax credits. But NY is capped at \$100,000.

C. Mayor Reilly of SC – speaker

D. Main Street Network: \$250 to join

**c) Public Comment on Matters of Interest**

**1. Frosty's (5500 Broadway):** Stuff/trailer in front of building blocks view.

Meyer: Posted situation regarding furniture, trailer, etc., blocking view.

Responses: Approach the owner; Check for a peddlers law; Take the friendly route first.

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Harnack: Invite owners of building to discuss together. It could be an even better business if it looked better, more appealing and less hodgepodge.

Stribing: We could provide options and images.

Simme: Permit is not required for trailer, and it passes all health and legal requirements.

ACTION: Meyer will compose letter and provide sketches/images of suggestions.

**2. 11 School Street:** Miller: Windows in tower are completely broken out, allowing structure to be damaged by elements.

ACTION: Simme will send letter to owner. If no response, windows will be boarded up for the owner and owner will be billed.

#### **4. Old Business**

##### **a) SHPO/CLG Seminar in Lancaster:**

Brunea and Harnack: Preparing letter to CLGs to be mailed out April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Opera House is reserved, as well as big room in Municipal Building.

Meyer: Will put out the word on the CLG blog.

##### **c) National Trust Main Street Program:**

Harnack: Recommend joining Mainstreet Network (\$250).

Miller: Money could come from dues and subscriptions.

#### **5. New Business:**

##### **a) Landmark Society conference**

##### **b) New member applicants:**

**1. Mr. Ronald Kwiatek:** Local to Lancaster for entire life, works in home improvement business on older homes. Keeping interiors accurate.

MOTION: Meyer: To Recommend Kwiatek to Village Board approval as an Alternate Member.

Seconded by Miller.

MOTION APPROVED: In a vote of four (4) to zero (0). Carried.

**2. Tina Preston:** To fill out Mr. Keysa's term or alternate.

MOTION: Brunea: To Recommend Kwiatek to Village Board approval as an Alternate Member.

Seconded by Meyer.

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MOTION APPROVED: In a vote of four (4) to zero (0). Carried.

**c) Landmarks:** Applications for free local landmark write-ups by Clinton Brown due the 15<sup>th</sup>. Suggested properties are the Lancaster Knife Works (165 Court St.); 78 Court street, and 94 Elm Place, possibly St. Mary's Church.

MOTION: Brunea: To recommend the above to Clint Brown.

Seconded by Harnack.

ACTION: Miller will approach the owners about being designated Local Landmarks and copy completed applications to SHPO.

**6. Correspondence/Articles:**

Flyers regarding Regional Local Government Workshop.

Letters of interest from Mr. Kwiatek and Ms. Preseton.

**7. Next Meeting:**

May 14, 2008

**8. Adjourn**

MOTION: Brunea: To adjourn at 9:36 P.M. Seconded by Harnack.

MOTION APPROVED: In a vote of four (4) to zero (0). Carried.