

Village of Lancaster
Historic Preservation Commission
Municipal Building, Lancaster NY

MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2016

I. Attendance/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM by Chairman Meyer.

Board Members

Allein, J.	<u>X</u>
Batt, R.	<u>X</u>
Campbell, S. (Vice Chair)	<u>X</u>
Keefe, J.	<u>X</u>
McNichol, S.	<u>exc.</u>
Meyer, M. (Chair)	<u>X</u>
Mikula, E.	<u>X</u>

Code Enforcement Officer

Marshall, S.	<u>exc.</u>
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Secretary

Eckert, E.	<u>X</u>
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Roll call indicated that six (6) voting members were present and a quorum existed.

II. Public Hearings:

a. *43 Central Ave. – Bill Schroeder – Communications Tower*

Village Board Member Bill Schroeder attended the meeting in order to discuss with the HPC the potential for a communications tower be erected behind the building at 43 Central Avenue. The Village is interested in allowing Blue Wireless to erect this tower on Village property in exchange for wireless internet service for the village as well as the Village of Lancaster's properties. The HPC has many questions about particulars regarding the tower as it will be highly visible within the historic district. R. Batt inquired about the tower's height. J. Keefe suggested that the tower possibly be made more sightly or maybe making the tower appear like a tree or something that would better fit within the historic district. J. Allein suggested that a representative from Blue Wireless accompany Mr. Schroeder to the next HPC meeting so that the board could get answers to their questions about the potential tower and be provided with more information about the tower.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. *January 13, 2016 (Regular Meeting)*

MOTION: M. Meyer moved to approve the minutes as amended . Second by S. Campbell.

MOTION APPROVED: In a vote of six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays.

IV. Administrative Matters:

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- a. Public comment on matters of interest
 - i. J Allein brought to the Board's attention that Mr. Lista (85 Central Ave.) would like to use the 12' exterior space beside his business building during village events to make crepes and sell gelato. The HPC sees no problem with this proposal and is pleased with the success of the new business within the historic district.
- b. New property issues
 - i. Sunoco (1 Central Ave.) – The Board noticed that there is a flashing OPEN sign in the window and a temporary sign still up. J. Keefe stated that the Town told the property owner that the signs were permitted.
- c. Ongoing property issues
 - i. 5430 Broadway (Broadway Deli) – *The property owner has removed the signs.*
 - ii. 5413 Broadway (Picasso's Pizza) – *M. Meyer is trying to get in contact with the property owner to see if he could divide up the window panels that are covered. UPDATE: M. Meyer sent a letter to Mark Digiore regarding this possibility.*
 - iii. 85 Central Ave. (Simply Italiano) – *M. Meyer will contact Paul Lista regarding the signage on his building.*
 - iv. 90 Central Ave. (Vintage Grace Antiques) – *S. Marshall updated the board via e-mail – the property owner is in the process of selling the temporary sign and will apply for a permit in the meantime.*
 - v. 5642 Broadway (Cellino Plumbing) – *S. Marshall sent the property owner a letter regarding the signage without permit.*
- d. Communications/Reports
 - i. NAPC "Alliance" – Winter 2016 – *M. Meyer recommended to the Board to read through this quarter's issue.*
 - ii. Letter from the Village Clerk-Treasurer – *M. Stegmeier sent correspondence to the HPC requesting Budget Estimate for the remainder of 2015-16 before March 1. M. Meyer is asking for an additional \$500 to cover possible Education expenses.*
- e. Treasurer's Report
 - i. No report

V. Old Business:

- a. Historic Society Building (Clark St.) – *M. Meyer updated the Board that the Town has contacted the Historic Preservation Firm Flynn Battaglia Architects to update the existing conditions report that was completed in 2010 for future grant writing purposes. J. Keefe suggested that the HPC invite Town*

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Supervisor J. Coleman to the next HPC meeting to discuss historic town buildings as well as better align the Town efforts with those of the Village Code Enforcement and the HPC. The Board agreed. J. Keefe will invite J. Coleman to the March HPC Meeting.

- b. HPC Website – No update – keep sending pictures/information/bios to S. McNichol.*
- c. New HPC Initiative – Local Historic Landmarks – No update.*
- d. Proposed Vehicle Sign Regulations – M. Meyer has been in contact with Village Attorney A. Herdzik who believes the proposed regulations may not be enforceable.*
- e. CLG Grant – The HPC will not apply for CLG money this year, but the board will brainstorm ideas for next year.*

VI. New Business

- a. Annual Report due 2/29/2016 – M. Meyer and E. Eckert will put together the annual report.*
- b. NYS Preservation Conference in Albany/Troy – May 5-7 – There are funds available for HPC members to attend the conference. Registration opens March 15.*

VII. Next Meeting: March 9, 2016 @ 7:00pm

VIII. Adjourn

MOTION: E. Mikula moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by J. Keefe.

MOTION APPROVED: In a vote of six (6) ayes to zero (0) nays.