

MEETING MINUTES - Final
July 11, 2007

1. Attendance / Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 p.m. by Chairman Keysa.

Roll Call:

James Keysa, Chair	present
Jean Brunea	present
Joseph Giallanza	present
William Harnack	present
Michael Meyer	present
Jan Pecqueur	excused
Grace Miller	present
Jeffrey Stribing	present
Jeffrey Simme	present

Roll call indicated that six (6) board members were present and a quorum existed.

2. Hearings / Petitions

a) 5622 Broadway - Mr. Ralph Mohr

Mr. Mohr did not show for his hearing.

ACTION: Miller will send a letter to Mohr rescheduling hearing for August 8, 2007 at 8:00 P.M.

b) Informal Discussion: 5565 Broadway – Ronald Olsen

Mr. Olsen did not show for his informal discussion regarding siding, but the board held an informal discussion in preparation for Mr. Olsen's appearance at a later date.

ACTION: Keysa will call to invite to the next meeting.

Board discussion:

The property is listed on the National Register, and may be eligible for Federal or State tax exemptions or credits, perhaps to the extent that it is rented out, but the details are unclear to all, even after Stribing made repeated phone inquiries to SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office).

ACTION: Miller will send a letter requesting the exact details of eligibility for tax incentives in writing.

Stribing: Suggests having SHPO hold a seminar in Lancaster (in conjunction with other relevant communities) to explain all details to public and Board members. A similar 4 hr. training course is being held in Geneseo on July 26th.

A motion was made by Brunea to invite SHPO to provide an educational seminar to keep board members up to date, including local communities and interested individuals. Seconded by Meyer.

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

ACTION: Miller will send a letter of inquiry for further training.

Harnack mentioned the NYS Main Street program, which he is not in favor of inviting, as well as the Main Street program run by the National Trust, also known as the MSCNTHP (Main Street Center of the National Trust of Historic Places: www.mainstreet.org), which has a four-point plan.

c) **80 Central Ave:** Ed Bently, 5 apartments.

Doing work on porch and siding – needs to come before the board for a Certificate of Appropriateness and needs a Building Permit.

ACTION: Simme will follow up.

Giallanza: Can we put a lean on a property to fix inappropriate changes?

Stribing: Need to know from SHPO.

3. Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2007

A motion was made by Giallanza to accept the May 9, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes as amended. Seconded by Brunea.

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

ACTION: Received and filed. A copy of minutes will be sent to the Lancaster Village Clerk by Miller.

4. Treasurer's Report

a) **Giallanza Donation:** Brunea is holding until an appropriate account is set up.

Stribing noted that outside accounts should be run by the Mayor, since they are frowned on by auditors.

b) **+/- \$1200 (from Dr. Batt):** Keysa noted that location \$1200 from Dr. Batt (not the Friends of Broadway money) is not evident.

ACTION: Stribing will follow up.

c) **Book Party Expenses:** Stribing: Mayor says to take it out of the proceeds of the book.

ACTION: Jean will make a voucher out to the village.

d) **Book Sales:** Michael Stegmeier: 250 sold to schools, 250-300 to others.

5. Old Business

a) **Trees** – Except for some trees being cut on private property, Mayor Cansdale stated that tree-cutting was done.

Stribing: County told Mayor it was done. Stribing will call Mark ? at DPW to follow up about where they are getting their numbers.

Harnack: A tree in the right-of-way at 21/23 Church was removed by NYSEG, and it is unclear why NYSEG was sub-contracted to take down trees, When only branches should be necessary.

Stribing will look into whether this related to power outages and phone calls the mayor received regarding this.

Keysa: A program is needed to get trees on Central and on Broadway west of Aurora.

Trees and Sidewalks: There is concern that trees in right-of-way will be removed or damaged during the village sidewalk reconstruction. Stribing noted that the blue flags seen are from the Water co. Harnack and Keysa recommend moving sidewalks further into private property to save trees. Stribing and Giallanza note that the sidewalk contract is already out, surveyed and underway, and that it will not be possible to change it to seek easements from all property owners. Harnack left the meeting. Stribing will raise the question of saving trees.

- b) Maps -** Stribing: Still in process, will forward to the board when ready.
- c) Walk the Villages:** Stribing: Orchard Park and East Aurora each had 600 books to start, but are into the 2nd thousandth of printing. In Lancaster, the Olive Tree, the Fitness Center, Fireside, Sweet Briar, and On Broadway have the books and buttons, but not as good a response. In East Aurora, the businesses are more involved and donated prizes, etc. The attitude in Lancaster businesses is "What will you give us to participate?" Keysa and Giallanza suggested publicizing, a few in-depth articles in the bee, to reinforce, not just at the start in May
- d) Fire Museum:** Simme: It is nice. Stribing noted that there will be a grand opening in September, and that Scott Aviation will have a display.
- e) Mashlonik's:** Still in progress.
- g) RiteAid v. Eddie Ryan's:** Simme: No progress. He wants to cut a door, rail the area, and put an awning on, perhaps serve alcohol. The Health Dept., village board, and LHDC would all have concerns.
- h) Old M&T (5386 Broadway):** Hunt closed on the deal: DeVere Capital. Simme: They know that they must come before the LHDC board. Keysa: The yellow brick from the 50's is historic, but not from Lancaster's primary era of importance.
- i) Moose Club:** Stribing: One possible owner would put offices in front and elase the back to the Moose. Simme heard that the Moose is looking at the old VFW on Walden. Keysa: The structure is not listed on the National Register but is important (Dr. Stratton, Dr. James, Judge Sears, etc.). The changes that have been made were

done so over 100 years ago. It used to be an elegant home and is important to the block, especially the front, not so much the back.

- j) **Band Stand:** It will be located by the Youth Bureau. Stribing will provide the foundation name to Giallanza.

6. New Business

- a) **CLG grant:** Miller: Deadline too soon to apply for this year, since it will require town/village approval of matching funds. However, any applications received after the deadline will be considered for next year's program.

b) **Central Business District**

Stribing: We will hear soon about the Central Business District Main street application, and we will need to get the word out and make people aware that they must comply. Perhaps a semi-annual publication/personal letter, and a Public notice/ article. A brochure about the CBD will be required, also articles when good things are done and to show appreciation and encourage a positive attitude.

Keysa: the benefits are that things will not change.

7. Correspondences / Articles

No correspondence received.

Articles Submitted:

1. Political Cartoon: *October Surprise*. By Zyglis, Adam. p. A8, Buffalo News, Thursday, June 28, 2007.
2. Cometary: *Give Trees a Chance*. By Esmonde, Donn. p. B1, Buffalo News, Sunday, June 24, 2007.

By Meyer:

1. *Preservation Briefs 8: Aluminum and Vinyl Siding on Historic Buildings: The Appropriateness of Substitute Materials for Resurfacing Historic Wood Frame Buildings*. By Myers, John H., Rev. by Gary I. Hume. Washington DC: 1984, Technical Preservation Services, National Park Service.
www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief08.htm 7/10/07

8. Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, August 8, 2007 – Board Meeting
- Wednesday, September 12, 2007 – Board Meeting
- Wednesday, October 10, 2007 – Board Meeting

9. Adjourn

A motion was made by Brunea to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Giallanza. The meeting was adjourned.

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

ACTION: none