

Palmyra Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2012

Commission Members present: Linda Breed, Chris Daly, Ellie Drake, Jim Elliott, Michael Haskins, Tim Kurek, and Becky Remington

Also present: Vicky Daly – village board liaison, Mark Vande – architect consultant

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Review of the minutes: Tim Kurek moved that they be accepted; Mike Haskins seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Preservation Standards: Vicky Daly told the commission that the webmaster for the village was having difficulty putting the Preservation Guidelines online due to the way the document is paginated.

Genesee Finger lakes Regional Planning Council Preservation Guidebook: Vicky Daly told the group that the village invited to contribute to an effort in developing a more user friendly model ordinance. The goal is for the ordinance to be under 100 pages. Jim Elliott stated that preservation minded building owners should consult the state code to see how upper floors can be used, and comply with the code. Mark Vande stated that this is not an issue for a volunteer board of preservationists, but for code enforcement officers who are well versed in the code, he said that the issue is not a preservation issue, but a code problem. Ellie Drake suggested that if the GFLRPC could find a successful use of upper floors perhaps it could be used as a case study. Vicky Daly said that they did have a successful model to use – the Hart building in Medina, a former Hotel. Vicky stated that the group was hoping to have the book done by the end of 2012, but more likely within 12 months. Tim Kurek stated that the code enforcement officer in these situations needed to think outside the box.

Haskins House Nomination: Mike Haskins researched info from Lyons several years ago; he learned that it was owned by a Palmer. Jim Elliott mentioned the 1995 planning study book as a resource. Becky Remington suggested that Hoffman students might have done something on the house. Other suggestions for research possibilities include: old tax books; fire maps; the Thomas Cook book Palmyra and Vicinity; Birds Eye View maps; old atlases owned by Tillie Henry; Local history department at the Palmyra Library; Beth Hoad the Palmyra historian; old newspapers.

Jim Elliott said he'd go with Mike to the library's local history collection. Jim also shared that Clinton Street existed prior to the canal. Tim Kurek suggested that the Zion application be used as a model. Vicky Daly said she would contact Beth Hoad to see what she could provide. Ellie Drake said she'd do

an internet search, and she suggested that someone talk to someone at the Family History Center on Temple Road.

The builder's name was Hinman. Mike Haskins bought the house 31 years ago from the Forshays. Vicky Daly said that the statement of significance could incorporate the connection to O.J. Garlock. Mike is willing to have his home nominated locally, as well.

Spotlight: Ellie Drake volunteered to take the spotlight sandwich board to the library. For the next spotlight, the Ondra house, Lisa Premoslovsky offered to share what information she had about the house.

Other Business: Vicky Daly said that the village was applying for a grant to pay for a survey of the Bandstand by John Bero, so that the village would know what repairs are necessary, and to prioritize and plan them. Gary Hopkins took photos of the bandstand. Teenagers have been damaging the structure. The bandstand is currently closed for everything except for village events. The results of the application should be known by late spring. Jim Elliott believes that Sexton probably built it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Daly.