

VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT
Historic Preservation Board
Meeting of February 16, 2012
Minutes

1. The meeting came to order at 7:15 pm, Bill Andrews, chair. Others present were Kathy Goetz, Pam Ketchum, Caitlin Moore, and Kevin McCarthy.
2. Andrews reported that Jackie Morris and Lynda Vandenberg had informed him that they were unable to attend.
3. Andrews reported that David Markham had resigned from the Board due to the press of professional obligations. The Board agreed to accept the resignation with regret.
4. The minutes of the meeting of January 19, 2012, were accepted as distributed.
5. Andrews distributed copies of a message he had received from Lorraine Weiss, who administers the CLG grants program in which she recommends that we have a consultant conduct a survey of the historic areas of the village to generate information that could then be used for various purposes, including providing material for a website. On motion by Goetz seconded by Ketchum, the Board agreed to accept this recommendation, but continue to work on preparation of a website using material that would not necessarily be generated by such a survey. Andrews was instructed to contact Ann Parks to arrange for a “ballpark” estimate of the cost of such a survey to serve as the basis for the budget request portion of a CLG grant application [After the meeting, Andrews arranged to Meet Parks for that purpose on Wednesday, February 22.
6. Intern Jennifer Packard presented a progress report on her work on the proposed website.
7. Andrews reported on the progress of the loft apartments feasibility project:
 - a. The architect reported that he had finished surveys of three buildings and had at least and possibly five scheduled for study the following Wednesday. 60 Clinton Street has been added to the list of buildings included in the project.
 - b. The Village Board has instructed the Village attorney not to draw up the necessary paperwork to provide a tax abatement provision for the project until we are assured that we have buildings that may become eligible for abatements. Andrews said that he did not believe this to be a problem as we will not reach that point for some time yet. Also, the attorney has calls in to COMIDA to begin the process of arranging tax abatements from other appropriate jurisdictions.
8. Ketchum said that the Gerows had agreed to have their home designated a local historic landmark and she will work with them to prepare the nomination.
9. McCarthy said that he would meet with Arden and Sue Bucholz to work with them to prepare a nomination for historic landmark designation of their Main Street home.
10. McCarthy submitted a nomination form for his property at 41 Park Avenue. On motion by Ketchum seconded by Goetz, the Board agreed to hold a public hearing immediately before its regular March meeting on the nomination.
11. Andrews reported that Virginia Bartos of the State Historic Preservation Office does not want the nomination of the Methodist church to be submitted until late March. Also, she plans to visit Brockport in March to survey the Park Ave./State St. proposed historic district.
12. On motion by Ketchum seconded by Moore, the Board agreed to accept the offer by the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor to co-host a workshop on historic preservation sometime in 2012, date to be decided later.
13. Andrews reported that he had learned that the Oliver Middle School was not eligible for the Preservation League of New York historic preservation award and therefore and not proceeded with the nomination agreed on at the January meeting.
14. McCarthy reported that the Board and other interested persons were invited to tour Medina with Mayor Andy Meier on March 3 at 1 p.m. The Board accepted the invitation with thanks. .
15. The next meeting was scheduled for March 15, at 7:15 pm
16. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

