

Village of Brockport Historic Preservation Board Meeting of October 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by Kathy Goetz, chair. Other members present were: Pam Ketchum, Kevin McCarthy, Bill Andrews, Kory Hunsinger, Caitlin Moore.

Sri Ram Bakshi had called to say he was unable to attend.

The minutes of the September 20th meeting were approved as distributed.

Bill Andrews reported that, in theory, the loft apartment project was completed. Kevin Rademacher is no longer with Clark, Patterson and Lee and his understudy, Jason Streb, is to finish the project. However, the format in which he did do so was not similar to the one which had been used. Bill A. asked that he do it in the original format. He had not replied to Bill. Bill then called the Chair of CPL, Phil Clark, to get an answer. He did. Jason called and promised that he would have it to us asap.

This program has four parts:

1. The workshop we had last year
2. The 11 architectural studies
3. The tax abatement Bill explained that there are two tax abatement laws in NY. He had thought there was one but one only applies to residences and the other refers to commercial structures being converted to mixed use. Of the 11 bldgs. studied, only 3 are affected and of those, Ed Riley and Chris Trento are not interested in pursuing it which leaves 61 Clinton as the only structure for possible abatement. He did learn that if we create Village Tax Abatement Law we can apply to Comida for county and school tax relief.
4. Bill reported that he attended a very useful workshop in Binghamton re: tax credits. He has written to the Natl Park Service for 40 copies of their info which he will ask Leslie to put on the Village website. He wants to bring the possible 20% state and 20% federal tax credits to the attention of the public. RFP's have been issued on the web and to the papers for a survey with a Nov 1 deadline. Pam has some questions about it and Bill suggested that she speak to Leslie re: were the notices were published.
5. Housing subsidy grants A grant writer will be hired by the Village at its next meeting. That person will be able to assist with these.

Canal Beautification Program. Bill reported that the application for the landscaping grant from the Erie Canalway for the north side of the canal was sent last Fri. There had been some delay in getting the mayor's signature. Pam explained that the current landscape structure of the bank will not be greatly altered aside from the removal of the rugosa roses. What will occur is the addition of a new design with much color and diversity and that 500 daffodils will be planted on the south side of the canal and 3000 on the north side!

Hartwell Hall. Bill suggested that we look into designating Hartwell. He will talk to Lorraine Weise about Hartwell and the Park/State/South District. Pam asked if Susan Smith could put the information which has been gathered to date on the homes, could be put on the Pro Brockport website. There was no objection to this.

Designation of local landmarks are moving slowly. It was suggested that we should complete the forms with the homeowners and ask for their tax abstract for additional information and then have the homeowners sign the application.

Plaques and certificates. With the money donated from Wal-Mart we have 10 plus 6 Bill found at the DPW. We have plenty of certificates but getting the names put on has been a problem. Bill will ask Leslie to help with that.

RFP's have been issued for the web site and for a comprehensive village survey. The deadline is Nov 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Our next meeting is Nov. 15 at 7:15