Minutes of the Joint Historic Preservation Commission
Village of Ellenville & Town of Wawarsing
Monday, December 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Chairman, Jeff Slade. Members in attendance were Paul Ross, Rev. Gregg Wood, Bonnie Hull, and Kay Hull. Jeff Rubin was absent.

There was one correction to the Minutes of November 7th. The next to last paragraph should have read “Jeff informed us that Wendy Harris will be filing reports on the DeWitt-Benedict House and the Stone House Survey shortly with several libraries in the area.” The minutes were then approved as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS: Jeff Slade reported that he and Tim Lukaszewski spoke via phone/e-mail regarding signage and brochures. They will move forward on the project once Tim recovers from his illness. Jeff reported on the recent meeting held at 4 P.M. at Marbella Restaurant, discussing possible tax credits available to owners of commercial property in the Village Historic District. The meeting was well attended and very informative. It was noted that with any restoration work, the value of the work has to be equal to the value of the building, enabling the owner to eventually recoup up to 40% of the cost.

Jeff Rubin provided the Chairman and Commissioners with detailed information given to him by the U.C. Economic Development Alliance for the Ellenville/Wawarsing Parks and Recreation Plan 2016-2019. Mr. Rubin continues to work closely with the Parks Comm. and keep us informed of the progress, which includes the Berme Rd. Park, Rail Trail, D & H Canal Building.

NEW BUSINESS: Jeff Slade is working with Steve Smith regarding the Greenfield Quaker Meeting House (built in 1818). They are scheduled to meet with the Ellenville Public Library Director, Pam Stocking, on December 19th to discuss information the Library may have on the history of the building.

Continuing to work towards getting the DeWitt Benedict House listed on the Historic Register, Mr. Slade has asked the JHPC to share the cost with the owner. On a Paul Ross/Bonnie Hull motion, the Commission approved the expenditure of $750 to enable the application to be completed and filed. This work will be done for us by Wendy Harris and Neil Larson. Jeff spoke briefly about property owners in the Cragsmoor Historic District regarding residential tax credits.

There was discussion regarding the minutes of JHPC meetings being included on the Town and Village websites. After the minutes have been approved by the Commissioners, a copy will be provided to both the Village of Ellenville and the Town of Wawarsing.

Jeff shared an e-mail he had received regarding the condition of the school house on the Nevele property. He has responded back, and Paul Ross offered to investigate the matter further, reach out to the current owner of the property and respond back the JHPC and the concerned citizen. Bonnie and Kay will reapply for another 3 year term on the JHPC. The next meeting will be Jan. 9, 2017 at 5 PM, and we adjourned at 5:35.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kay Hull, Secretary