

Minutes of the meeting on April 3rd, 2017 of the Historical Preservation Board of the TOWN OF ORCHARD PARK, Municipal Center, Historic Preservation Office, S4295 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, New York at 7:00 PM, present were the following:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Norm Stoj, Chairman  
Ryan Keem  
Mike Sherry, Town Board Liaison

EXCUSED: Henry Heppner  
Suzanne Kulp  
Thomas Jaeger  
Wayne Bieler

OTHERS PRESENT: Andy Geist, Building Inspector  
Danielle Ostrander, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Norm Stoj.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the February meeting will be voted upon next meeting due to a quorum not being present.

1.) Yates House

Chairman Stoj mentioned how our grant writer applied for a grant from the Pomeroy Foundation to be used for a Historic marker for the home at the corner of Transit Toad and Route 20A.

2.) 7690 Ellicott Road

Ms. Cheryl Hall's home was designated by the Town Board on March 1, 2017, making it the 7<sup>th</sup> structure designated.

3.) Chairman's meeting with Building Inspector

Chairman Stoj discussed how he met with Building Inspector, Andy Geist, to help him get a better understanding of our designation process and invited him to attend tonight's meeting to sit in with the Board for further understanding. There was concern with residents whose homes have been considered historical, but weren't in the actual intensive level survey that came in to get permits. The employees in the Building Inspectors office weren't sure if they needed to contact the Board about the application if they were considered or only in the survey. Chairman Stoj plans to contact SHIPPO to figure out the exact ordinance laws to get a better definition of the "ever considered" terms. The Board will need to come up with better terminology for the ordinance.

4.) Size of Board

Our CLG representative recommends a five (5) member Board. Chairman Stoj would like the Board to be downsized to five (5) members due to having difficulty with keeping positions filled and difficulty meeting quorum most meetings.

5.) Barn

Chairman Stoj mentioned how he plans to contact Town Attorney John Bailey to send a letter to owner James Jerge to see if anything has been done to maintain the barn.

6.) New/Old Business

(a.) Designated Locations In Town

Chairman Stoj was looking at locations that are in the Town that are National-ly Designated, but not locally designated. These locations are the Jolls House, The Casino at Chestnut Ridge, and a WWII POW work spot on Newton Road where POW's would shuck peas. The question about them is that they are in the Town, but are either a county property or a Village property, so the Board might not be able to locally designate these locations.

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 5th at 7:00 PM in the Historic Preservation office on the 1st floor.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

DATED: 4/3/2017  
REVIEWED: 4/3/2017

Danielle Ostrander  
Historic Preservation Board Secretary

Norm Stoj, Historic Preservation Board Chairman