

**VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Pat Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. at the Coxsackie Village Building.

ROLL CALL

The following members were in attendance: Diane Fausel, Wendy Warren, Michael Rausch, Betty Cure, David Dorpfeld, Pat Maxwell, Janet Gerrain, and Linda Deubert. Chairperson Pat Maxwell declared a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Linda Deubert and seconded by David Dorpfeld to approve the minutes of the regular Meeting of January 8, 2019. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Betty Cure submitted her written resignation as Secretary of the Commission. In a motion made by Janet Gerrain and seconded by Diane Fausel, the request was approved. Motion carried.
2. Linda Deubert volunteered to fill the Secretary's position after Commission members were polled to see who might want to fill the vacancy. A motion was made by Betty Cure and seconded by Wendy Warren to approve Linda's appointment. Motioned carried. Pat volunteered to take the minutes of the current meeting, so Linda will begin as Secretary at the April 9, 2019 meeting of the commission.
3. Members whose 2 year terms had expired in 2018 agreed to extend their terms for an additional 2 years. Those members were Linda Deubert, Diane Fausel, Janet Gerrain and Wendy Warren.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **SOUTH RIVER STREET REDEVELOPMENT** – Pat Maxwell stated that the Public Hearing on February 21, 2019 for Aaron Flach's site plan application for the redevelopment of the 4 buildings along South River Street had been well attended, with no negative comments from the public. The project will be developed in 4 stages beginning with the rear industrial building at 60 South River Street in 2019 and ending with the Dolan Block in 2021-22 (only portion in Historic District).
2. **CEMETERY PROGRESS REPORT:**
 - A. The Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre will be held May 11, 2019. David handed out copies of the flyers that will be distributed throughout the Village and local area, and will send an email of the flyer as well so that members can help distribute them. Tickets at \$55 each will be sold at Heartland Realty, The Village of Coxsackie Offices, Heermance Memorial Library and Pegasus Restaurant, where the event will be held.

- B. Approval of the historic marker was granted by the Pomeroy Foundation. Having a ceremony for installation of the marker was discussed, but no date was decided upon. We did agree that the sign should be installed before Memorial Day.
- C. Fencing - Dan Beachler is getting quotes for fencing, and Linda Deubert mentioned whoever did the Armory fencing in Hudson as a possible additional source. She will look into it. David is also reaching out to someone through Hugh Quigley. Wendy expressed the opinion that the fence should be last on our list for restoring the cemetery, both because of cost and other less costly work that needs to be done. Many members agreed. It was determined that the fence could not be moved back any further from the sidewalk, since there wasn't sufficient room. Betty reported that the survey conducted by the Village determined that the current fencing was in line with the property boundaries of the cemetery and, therefore, no further adjustments needed to be made.
- D. Clean-up – we discussed waiting until the tree stumps had been removed before attempting to repair the path and/or attempt any landscaping. However, Taylor Monuments continues to work on resetting headstones as weather permits, so once the ground is dry enough, volunteers can continue cleaning the headstones themselves.
- E. Michael read us his report regarding restoration of the cemetery that was to be included in his annual report to the Town of Coxsackie Board following our meeting. We thanked him for his efforts in being involved with the restoration and for getting the message out to town residents.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Michael Rausch and seconded by Betty Cure to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. The motion was unanimously approved. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2019.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

PAT MAXWELL, CHAIRPERSON