

**VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
April 9, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Pat Maxwell called the meeting to order at the Coxsackie Village Building at 6:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Betty Cure and seconded by Janet Gerrain to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2019. The motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. No new applications

OLD BUSINESS

A. Cemetery Progress Report

1. Historic Designation application: no new updates
2. Murder Mystery Theatre update: David Dorpfeld reported on the Murder Mystery Theatre to be held at Pegasus on May 11th. There are still tickets available. David is hoping that all 150 tickets will sell. A press release has gone out. A 50/50 raffle will be held, and Betty has already received door prize donations from The Tin Angel and Accurate Investigative Services. Michael will ask Che Figata and The Cask and Rasher for door prizes, and other potential donors were discussed. Sometime that evening Betty will give an overview of the historic significance of the cemetery and our plans for improvement.
3. Cemetery property update:
 - Fencing - David reported that Hugh Quigley has volunteered to draw up a RFP (Request for Proposal) to get more bids for repairing fencing. Hugh will include setting the posts in concrete below the frost line. This was not done originally, resulting in the posts heaving from the frost. Danny Beachler has been working with Hugh on the plans for the fence.
 - Monuments - Danny is working with Dave Taylor on resetting the stones. Dave Taylor has done a good job on the stones that have been reset and the cost is less than what was anticipated.

Cleaning – Wendy will be looking for volunteers to clean more of the monuments on Sunday April 28th at noon.

Funding - The Friends of Sleepy Hollow Lake have donated \$500 towards cemetery improvements and the village is going to put an amount in the budget to go towards the cemetery improvements, possibly as much as \$5,000.

Meeting The Cemetery Committee will be meeting on May 6th at 6:00 PM the Village Building.

- B. **South River Street Redevelopment** – Pat Maxwell reported on the riverfront property purchased by Aaron Flach. The Village Planning Board approved the planned footprint for the overall development of the six acres, including the parking areas. Separate site plan approval will follow for each phase of development. The first phase will be “The Wire”, an event space at the rear of 60 South River Street. This property is in close proximity to the Historic District but is not in the Historic District so it will not require this committee’s approval.

- C. **Other** – Michael Rauch reported that part of a documentary about Lewis Swyer will be filmed on Reed St. Lewis Swyer was raised in Cocksackie and graduated from Cocksackie High School in 1934. He went on to become a successful business man and well known philanthropist, committed to the arts. The Swyer Family Foundation continues to be a generous supporter of the arts in the Albany area.

D. Public Comment - none

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Wendy Warren and seconded by Diane Fausel to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. The motion was approved.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

LINDA DEUBERT, SECRETARY

ATTACHED: 1. Press Release for the Mystery Theatre

2. Cocksackie Village Cemetery Restoration Report for 2018