

**VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
November 10, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Pat Maxwell called the meeting to order at the Coxsackie Village Building at 6:04 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Michael Rausch and seconded by Wendy Warren to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 13, 2020. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. New Member** – Nancy Harm has agreed to fill the seat vacated by Betty Cure. Nancy has extensive knowledge with respect to historic buildings. Linda Deubert made a motion to approve Nancy's position on the Historic District Commission. Janet Gerrain seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- B. Cemetery Committee to become a separate agency reporting directly to the Village Board**
Maintenance and fundraising are now the primary focus of the Cemetery Committee and therefore it no longer needs to come under the auspices of the Historic District. Michael Rausch made a motion to approve this change, David Dorpfeld seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
- C. Continuing Extension of the Historic District**
A discussion ensued regarding the extension of the Historic District. In order to be included in the Historic District buildings have to be historically relevant. Lower Mansion Street has several Buildings that would not meet this criterion. Lower Ely St., Lower New St. and a section of South River St. could meet this standard, but it is also necessary to get the homeowners to agree to the designation. Pat advised that James Carter at the SHPO office may have a booklet that could be used to explain this designation to homeowners. Aaron Flach's properties would remain a separate designation.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Patrick Henry's Tavern**
A joint public hearing was held on October 17th with the Village Planning Board. No new issues were raised. Michael Rausch made a motion to approve the exterior improvements per the drawings approved by SHPO. Janet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Signage will be submitted and approved at a later date.
- B. Heermance Memorial Library** -In October, the Commission received an application for proposed restoration, repair and replacement of exterior side and front porch damaged

flooring, roofing, and architectural detail. Also proposed was replacement of the front façade trim at the top of the building. The public hearing will not be scheduled for November since the work will probably not begin until spring.

C. South River Street Historic District extension – Aaron Flach’s properties

The Village Attorney & Village Clerk are drafting new local law for the extension of the District to include 52-60 South River Street in the Village Code, Chapter 75.

D. Vacant lot – Reed Street – no new updates

E. Cemetery update –

1. Fencing - 5 Sections of front fencing on the west side will be installed. A \$6,250 deposit authorized by the Village Board was sent to Modern Metals to begin work. This will be done “soon”. The east side will be done later – requires additional work to conform to DPW installation of pilings. Chain links arrived, will be installed on east side and vehicle gate for now.

2. Historic Designation - The SHPO review is still scheduled for 12/3/2020; James Carter was here on 11/5/2020 to take pictures to support the application. He liked what we’ve done.

3. Plantings – now include 5 Elms, more boxwoods. Neighboring tree removed.

F. Reed Street Reconfiguration and underground utilities – No further updates.

G. Pomeroy Markers – 3 submissions – Riverside Park, AME Church, First Reformed Church. First Reformed must show uniqueness, others need work on wording.

PUBLIC COMMENT -OTHER- none

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:15 in a motion made by Diane Fausel and seconded by Michael Rausch. Our next meeting is December 8, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Deubert, Secretary