

**VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
December 12, 2023**

Chairperson Patricia Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Historic Preservation Commission Members: Michael Rausch, Nancy Harm, and Wendy Warren. David Dorpfeld and Diane Fausel were absent.

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2023, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting was made by Wendy Warren and seconded by Michael Rausch. Patricia Maxwell voted yes. Michael Rausch voted yes. Nancy Harm voted yes. Wendy Warren voted yes. The motion carried.

**New Business**

**Diane Fausel's Retirement Request** – Chairperson Maxwell stated that Diane Fausel has submitted a resignation letter stating that she will be resigning from her position as a Board Member as of January 1, 2024, and that she has enjoyed working with each of the Board Members, and wishes them the very best on their continued efforts to preserve the Historic District in the Village.

A motion to approve Diane Fausel's retirement request was made by Michael Rausch and seconded by Wendy Warren. Patricia Maxwell voted yes. Michael Rausch voted yes. Nancy Harm voted yes. Wendy Warren voted yes. The motion carried.

Michael Rausch asked how long Diane Fausel has served on the Board.

Chairperson Maxwell stated that Diane Fausel has served on the Board since 2016.

Nancy Harm stated that the Board needs to recruit people. She asked if the people need to live in the Village.

Chairperson Maxwell stated that they need to live in the Village, or at least own property or a business in the Village.

Michael Rausch stated that he would prefer to find someone with a background in a related field to the HPC.

David Dorpfeld arrived at 6:04 p.m.

David Dorpfeld stated that he feels it would be nice if the Mayor would write a letter to Diane Fausel thanking her for her service.

### **Old Business**

**1. 2-6 Reed Street/33 South River Street- (former Cumming's Hotel) – Chairperson**  
Maxwell stated that there are no updates on this project at this time.

### **Other Business**

Michael Rausch stated that the General Store downtown has a large, red flag, that they have out front that does not keep in the look of the downtown area. This will have to be addressed with them.

Chairperson Maxwell stated that she will contact them about this.

Michael Rausch stated that he has also been made aware that Dave Merchant indicated that he may be interested in doing work on the front façade of his building downtown. Mr. Rausch explained to him that if he would like to move forward with this work, it would require filling out an application with the HPC, and getting approval before moving forward.

Chairperson Maxwell stated that Mr. Merchant's building cannot be vacant for more than a year without going before the Planning Board for approval. The building is zoned Village Center, and per the zoning, it does not allow for residential areas on the first floor.

### **Public Comment Period**

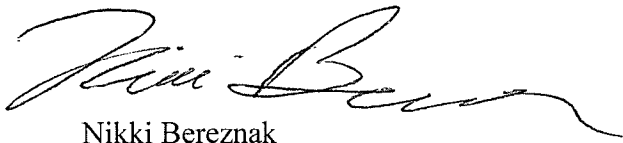
No public comments were offered.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the Historic Preservation Commission meeting was made by Wendy Warren and seconded by David Dorpfeld. Patricia Maxwell voted yes. Michael Rausch voted yes. David Dorpfeld voted yes. Nancy Harm voted yes. Wendy Warren voted yes. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki Berezna". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Nikki Berezna  
Clerk