

Palmyra Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2013

The meeting began with a Ninth Period History Class, with speaker Leigh Jones, who spoke about the builders of her cobblestone house.

Business Meeting:

Present: Chris Daly, Ellie Drake, Jim Elliott, Michael Haskins (Commissioners); Vicky Daly (Alternate); Mark Vande (Consulting Architect).

The business meeting began at 8:35 pm.

Ellie Drake and Jim Elliott attended the Village Board meeting in which the aftermath of the May fire on Main Street was discussed. They learned that the fire was only on the third floor, but the lower floors were damaged by water. A structural engineer discussed his findings, and he thought the best and safest solution was for the damaged buildings to be razed. The village will be condemning the buildings. If all works out, there may be rebuilding in the soon to be empty lots, but it is subject to negotiation by the prospective parties.

Mark Vande offered to call John Bero and a structural engineer that Mark has worked with in the past to show him the CD of the current state of the damaged buildings. Vicky Daly said she would talk to Mayor Piccola about meeting with the Preservation Commission.

Vicky Daly shared with the Commission a mention in the Landmark Society of WNY newsletter about the March 2013 Village board vote to retain the original verbiage of the ordinance.

Vicky Daly also told the Commissioners that the Gellatlys have the information they need to have their home locally nominated as a landmark.

The other agenda items were tabled until the June 20, 2013 meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Daly.