Present: Chair Ellie Drake, Vice Chair Jim Elliott, Commissioners Chris Daly, Michael Haskins, John Robbins, Village Board Liaison Vicky Daly.

Absent: Commissioner Rebecca Remington, Consulting Architect Mark Vande.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Ellie Drake reported that she emailed a copy of the local designation application to Joan DeCann, and sections of the Local Law, and invited her to this meeting. Michael Haskins was offered a copy of a successful local designation application and a blank application, and it was discussed that his fellow commissioners could help him during meeting time to complete the application.

Rebecca Remington has moved out of the village and has submitted a letter of resignation to the chair, Ellie Drake, who will provide the letter to the Village Clerk. Michael Haskins made a motion to request that alternate John Robbins be appointed as a full commission member, and Chris Daly seconded it. The motion passed unanimously. Ellie Drake will take the request to the Village Board. Jim Elliott suggested that Joan DeCann might be interested in being an alternate on the commission. Ellie Drake said she would approach her.

Ellie Drake told the commission that Rebecca Remington provided some information to the commission. Among the articles was a document about vegetation in cemeteries, and Newark’s historic homes of Newark; also provided was info on Zombie houses, and information on a historic real estate finance training program in Massachusetts that provides scholarships.

Ellie Drake asked for a poster delivery list: Village and Town Halls, Dean George’s shop, Muddy Waters, Breens, Acropolis, Library, Logo Factory, Custom 31, Lock 29, Happiness Garden, Village Pharmacy, Gallery of Styles, Goldie’s Goodies, Grandin Building, Candy Store, Village Book Store, Haseltine’s, Brick House Antiques, Chill and Grill, Nima’s, and Mark’s. The Webmaster (Bill Unterborn) and Wayne County Historian Peter Evans should be included in email notifications.

Ellie Drake completed a NPS form request, given to her by the Village Clerk.

Village Residents approached Ellie Drake about speaking at the July meeting regarding the Sampson house remains. They did not attend the meeting. Ellie Drake will talk to the Code Enforcement Officer to ask about the foundation of the razed house.

Sampson Flag: Ellie Drake attended a seminar about NYS historical newspapers in Fairport recently. Ellie researched Admiral Sampson’s 1910 flag which had flown next to the cannon in the park. It was a rear admiral’s flag given by the Navy. Ellie emailed Rep. Katko’s office to get information regarding whom to contact to acquire a replacement flag. Six hours later Rep. Katko’s office contacted the Navy.
Ellie was doing research to look into the matter; she did not request a flag at that time. Ellie contacted the Village Clerk with a copy of the email from Rep. Katko’s office, and to inquire about a flag pole. Vicky Daly said she received an email from the mayor asking about this matter. He pointed out that this kind of request should come from the Village Board, not a Village Commission.

Jim Elliott said that in the 1950s the American flag in the park, although it was lit at night, still attracted a lot of vandalism, and for that reason, it was taken down.

Ellie Drake said that she would approach the Village Board with a request to hang the flag “banner style” in the Village Hall. Chris Daly made the motion that Ellie Drake request time to address the Village Board about the Sampson Flag. Jim Elliott seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Ellie Drake showed the commission the Main Street Book from the Preservation Advocate, called Guide Book for Revitalizing Downtown Buildings. The book features Palmyra, as well as other municipalities.

No one came for the Sunday Tour of the Village buildings.

Vicky Daly recommended that the Commission talk to the Mayor and the new Code Enforcement Officer about how preservation can be useful to the Village with locally designated Main Street properties. Some of our recent losses might have been protected, or been given financial assistance to restore damage. This suggestion was prompted by a NYT article on June 25, 2015 about the Palisades.

September Meeting (next meeting) should be a planning meeting for the next year.

Vicky Daly said that we should have a meeting inviting the public to learn from successful homeowners about the financial assistance possible by being a landmark. Joan DeCann or Tim Kurek could be invited. Jim Elliott suggested that it be on a Saturday. Vicky suggested that a Preservation League rep could be invited.

Ellie suggested that perhaps a local district could be created from Wooden’s store, including Dean George’s shop, Mark Gawel’s building, John Martin’s agency, and Michael Haskins’ home. Ellie asked John Robbins to ask his neighbors. Paul Gilfus is the landlord for some of the rowhouse.

The commissioners were reminded that there would be no August Meeting.

The meeting ended at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by Christine Daly.