

Palmyra Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2014

Present: Chair Ellie Drake, Cochair Jim Elliott, Commissioners Chris Daly, Michael Haskins, Rebecca Remington; Alternate Vicky Daly; Architect consultant Mark Vande.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes: Jim Elliott made the motion that the minutes be accepted, Michael Haskins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Nomination of Village Cemetery: Criteria for Cemetery nominations can be found at the SHPO website. Vicky Daly spoke to Mark Peckham at SHPO regarding cemetery nominations to the NRHP, who said that plantings and landscaping is what SHPO is looking for. Vicky reminded the group that the Village Cemetery was honored by the Landmark Society of WNY about 10 years ago. Nomination on the basis of the burial plot of a prominent person would require the person in question to be nationally prominent, as this is a federal nomination. William Grandin is buried in the Village Cemetery and as the printer of the first book of Mormon; he may qualify as being nationally prominent. Mark Vande said that Congressman CCB Walker is buried there. Increase Lapham is buried there as well. The founder(s) of Wells Fargo are buried there as well.

Ellie Drake plans to email Julian at SHPO to see if Cemeteries are underrepresented as nominated sites.

Vicky Daly said that she would speak to a representative of the DAR to see if they would be willing to grant approval as a civic organization to this nomination. Rotary may be willing as well to offer their approval.

Vicky Daly said she would look for former town historian Bob Lowe's notes on the Cemetery to give to Ellie Drake. Ellie said that we have history specifications regarding repairs in the 1920s and 1930s, and Carlton's wills.

The minutes probably state the builder of the Cemetery entrance archway. Rebecca Remington said that she organized 3 ring binders that hold minutes. She said that information could be found under "Cemetery", or "Rogers".

Ellie Drake will ask Gary Hopkins if the available Commissioners could view the interior of the Rogers Chapel on a workday. She will also ask him for drawings of the Chapel. Vicky Daly said she'd ask at the Village Hall.

It was decided that there would be no August meeting.

The meeting closed at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Daly.