WEST SENECA HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION - MEETING MINUTES
WEST SENECA COMMUNITY CENTER - 1300 UNION ROAD, WEST SENECA, NY 14224
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DATE

November 4, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the West Seneca Historical Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Lang at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present:

1. Paul Lang, Chairperson
2. Ray Ball
3. Fran D'Amico
4. Michael Siuta
5. Maureen Berbary

Absent:

- Scott Robertson (Excused)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. Siuta, to approve the October 7, 2026 meeting minutes.

Ayes: All Noes: None Abstain: Ball, Berbary Motion: Carried

OLD BUSINESS

- Demolition Order Update

Chairperson Lang reported no update available. He will continue to contact Town Attorney Chris Trapp. Hoping with the turn of the calendar and quieter political season movement may be possible.

- CLG Grant Application Update

Chairperson Lang reported that on Tuesday November 3, 2026 he received an email from New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) notifying him of the award for the recently applied for grant. Town will be receiving $26,000 (confirmation letter attached to be attached to these minutes) for advancement of Lower and Middle Ebenezer Historic Districts as per previous discussions. Information is currently embargoed until press notification by SHPO office can be distributed, however we are welcome to notify consultants, town officials etc and proceed with contracts. SHPO will be in

contact shortly for next steps. Mr. Lang was quick to give credit to Town officials for additional monetary support as he feels that's what made this year's application more competitive than last year. He will contact Preservation Studios in the coming days.

- Future Local Landmarks for Consideration

Chairperson Lang began conversation by apologizing to Commission for not having time in the last month to contact Mayer Brothers to gauge their interest. Will do so in the coming weeks. All agreed site is certainly worthwhile if ownership is so inclined. Adjacency to former Ebenezer cemetery was briefly discussed as it was determined that grant funded by work by consultants for future district will address any concerns and lineage.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Lang brought up the status of member's position and their desire to seek reappointment. Ms. D'Amico informed board that this will be her last meeting due to her pending personal move.

Motion by Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. Siuta, to formally recognize the service and effort of Ms. Fran D'Amico to the Town of West Seneca Historical Preservation Commission as a founding member of the Commission for helping establish the momentum established to date

Ayes: All Noes: None Abstain: None Motion: Carried

Attention then turned to Mr. Ball and Mr. Siuta who's positions are expiring the end of this year. Both of whom expressed desire to seek reappointment if eligible. Mr. Lang to coordinate with Town Board for means and methods of official reappointment. Mr. Ball then expressed that he does not anticipate completing his full term should be be re-elected, however feels continuity especially in the wake of Ms. D'Amico's departure is critical as we proceed towards district nomination. Additionally he would like to see these foundational elements completed.

Chairperson Lang then brought up the regularly scheduled December meeting. Due to holiday schedules he has a conflict with his service to the Town of West Seneca's Zoning Board which will be held at the same time. Therefore he is inclined to cancel the December meeting, similar to 2025, unless action must be taken relative to awarded CLG Grant, or some other unforeseen urgent preservation matter. In lieu of meeting Mr. Lang will provide his usual yearly summary to the Town Board.

Motion by Ms. Berbary, seconded by Mr. Ball, to cancel the regularly scheduled December 2, 2026 meeting barring urgent commission business.

Ayes: All Noes: None Abstain: None Motion: Carried

ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

None received.

COMMUNICATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Ball, seconded by Ms. Berbary, to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM.

Ayes: All Noes: None Abstain: None Motion: Carried

Respectfully submitted by Paul Lang

Chair of the Historical Preservation Commission

