

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

DATE

August 5, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the West Seneca Historical Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Lang at 6:36 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Absent:

1. Maureen Berbary
 - Scott Robertson (Excused)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to waive the reading of the July 1, 2026 meeting minutes by Mr. Ball, second by Ms. D'Amico.

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

Motion by Mr. Ball, seconded by Ms. D'Amico, to approve the July 1, 2026 meeting minutes.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Demolition Order Update

Chairperson Lang reported no response from Town Attorney Chris Trapp despite multiple email follow-ups. Chairperson Lang stated he will continue to seek an update

- Local landmark Recognition: 919 Mill Rd.

Chairperson Lang reported he drafted a formal recognition letter to the West Seneca Historical Society commemorating 919 Mill Road as the Town's first local historic landmark. He will print and deliver the letter to the Historical Society. He also stated he will share the announcement with Deputy Town Supervisor Amelia Greenan for Town social media publicity and will contact the West Seneca Bee to pursue coverage.

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NEW BUSINESS

- CLG Grant 2026 Round

Chairperson Lang reported the Certified Local Government (CLG) grant window is open for 2026 and he has prepared an application.

He conferred with Councilmember Robertson on August 5, 2026, and requested a Town cash match of \$6,500 for the grant. Councilmember Robertson indicated support and will seek Town Board allocation. Councilmember Robertson anticipates approval by August 24, 2026. Chairperson Lang noted the grant submission requires indication that matching funds are approved/allocated, not physically disbursed, by the submission deadline of September 15, 2026. He will insert final figures, obtain Town signature from the Supervisor's office, and submit it prior to the deadline.

Chairperson Lang scheduled the mandatory CLG coordination call with SHPO for Monday, August 10, 2026 with the CLG Coordinator and the regional reviewer.

Chairperson Lang will coordinate with the Permits Department staff to identify address lists and historic permit records establishing alteration lineages for prospective district parcels.

- Individual Historic Nominations

Chairperson Lang proposed advancing research on 1540 Seneca Creek Road (Mayer Brothers Cider Mill) as a priority individual local landmark nomination. He will prepare a draft outreach letter to Mayer Brothers for Commission review. Mr. Ball and Ms. D'Amico will inquire at the museum regarding historic files and photographs. Chairperson Lang will seek Sanborn maps and other documentary sources to establish site evolution.

ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

None received.

COMMUNICATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. Siuta, to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted by Matthew Finkel

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Secretary to the Historical Preservation Commission

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Matthew J. Finzel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M" and a long, horizontal flourish extending from the end of the name.