

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the West Seneca Historical Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Lang at 6:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Paul Lang, Chairperson
Ray Ball
Fran D'Amico
Michael Siuta
Scott Robertson, Town Board Liaison

Absent: Maureen Berbary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. Siuta, to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2026 meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Continuation of Historic District Advancement and Funding Alternatives

Chairperson Lang reported he is reviewing grant opportunities through the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Chairperson Lang further noted that New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) grants have not yet been posted for the current cycle.

Mr. Ball stated that the most recent SHPO grant cycle was competitive and the Commission's application was unsuccessful, in part due to the absence of matching funds from the Town Board. Councilmember Robertson stated he will introduce the concept of grant match requirements to the Town Board and plan for a new budget line in the Town's 2027 budget.

- Demolition Ordinance Amendment

Mr. Ball requested an update about an amendment to the Town's demolition ordinance to authorize the Commission to assess properties prior to demolition, excluding emergency demolitions, to prevent unnecessary loss of historic assets. Chairperson Lang stated the amendment is a Zoning Board and Planning Board change and may require time to finalize, further stating that he will follow up on the status.

NEW BUSINESS

- Public Hearing for 919 Mill Road – Local Landmark Designation

Chairperson Lang stated the matter is tabled to April and that all required information has now been obtained, and he will email Town staff to ensure proper notice for the April 1, 2026 Town Board meeting.

Chairperson Lang stated he will revise the local landmark designation application language to explicitly require the legal description from the survey or deed, while retaining a map for Commission reference.

ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC

None.

COMMUNICATIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

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WEST SENECA HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2026

Motion by Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. Siuta, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 PM.

Ayes: All

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Motion: Carried

Respectfully submitted by Matthew Fincel

Secretary to the Historical Preservation Commission

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Fincel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "F".