



Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL REPORT

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Municipality: Town of Durham

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Instructions

All questions refer to FY2016 (October 1, 2015-September 30, 2016). Please provide data **only** for the period of FY2016.

Please attach a list of current commission/board membership including contact information and résumés of new members.

Please attach a copy of any revisions to the local historic preservation legislation.

1. Local Tax Incentives

Does your local government have a local historic preservation tax incentives program that includes your office in some level of review or oversight? For example, NY Real Property Tax Law §444-a also known as the Ithaca Bill. How many owners have taken advantage of those incentives?

No, there are no local tax incentive laws.

2. Local “Bricks and Mortar” Grant or Loan Program

Does your local government have a locally-funded, historic preservation grant or loan program that is run through, administered, or reviewed by your office? How many properties have been assisted?

No, we do not have a local loan program.

3. Local Property Acquisition Program

Does your local government by purchase, donation, condemnation, or other means help to acquire or acquire itself some degree of title (e.g., fee simple interest or an easement) in historic properties? How many have been assisted or carried out by your local government?

No. The Town of Durham has assisted the local Durham Valley Land Trust in the grant funded acquisition of a historic scenic viewshed by providing interim financing.

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4. Difficulties

In developing and administering historic preservation programs, has the CLG encountered any difficulties with administrative procedures, enforcement, staffing, funding and/or public support? Please explain:

A small but vocal minority opposes historic register listing.

5. Historic Preservation Commission/Board

How many meetings has the commission/board held during the year?

Five. Minutes are attached.

What historic preservation training/workshops or meetings did commission/board members attend during the year?

Secretary Mary Lou Nahas attended a Main Street Revitalization Workshop in Delaware County.

Has there ever been an absence of a quorum and/or inability of the commission/board to conduct business due to issues with membership? Please explain:

No.

6. Training

What historic preservation training/workshops or meetings did commission/board members attend during the year?

Main Street Revitalization Workshop.

Please indicate what, if any, information or training the CLG needs from the SHPO:

Interviewing senior residents to capture local oral history.

7. Survey/Inventory

Did your local government conduct a historic resources survey? How many historic properties were surveyed?

The last survey was performed in 1997. Approximately 200 properties were surveyed.

Did your local government designate any local landmarks or historic districts? How many locally-designated historic properties did your local government add to your CLG inventory?

Yes. One addition – Meeting House Hill Cemetery

8. Design Review

How many historic properties did your local government review for compliance with your local government's historic preservation regulatory law?

Briefly describe any difficult cases or any recurrent design review issues that have been problematic:

Allstate Insurance Co. will not insure a home listed on any historic register. They will insure the same property if it is removed from historic register listing.

9. Overall CLG Program

Briefly describe any CLG special achievements/successes for the period of review:

Initiated NR listings of Cornwallville Cemetery and Oak Hill Historic District. Began using Durham Central School, a designated Local Historic Landmark, as a Community Center.

Please list or describe any goals or new initiatives for the upcoming year:

NR Listings of Cornwallville Cemetery and the Oak Hill Historic District

Member Contact Information

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DURHAM HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: November 21, 2015

Present: Ken Mabey, Nick Nahas, Mary Lou Nahas, Ken Dean, Bobbie Cunningham

The meeting started at 9 am at the Town Building.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated.

Business: The Meeting House Hill cemetery was designated as a historic landmark. Nick Nahas moved and Bobby Cunningham seconded the motion.

Ken Mabey will work on putting the Meeting House Hill and Cornwallville Cemetery on the Greene County Historic Register.

Our budget of \$500 is still available for the Scenic-By-Ways project if they apply by the end of the year. Nick will send Barry Garfinkel a note to that effect.

Hanna L and Gunther Krebs want the Cornwallville sign repaired; they will pay the cost. Mary Lou will ask the Twelve Tribes if they can do the work.

Wayside Inn: loss of the historic building regretted and hope they will be able to rebuild. The business is an economic and historic loss to the community.

Next meeting is set for March 12.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Lou Nahas, Secretary

DURHAM HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: March 12, 2016

Present: Ken Mabey, Ni Jackson, Bobbie Cunningham, Nick Nahas, Mary Lou Nahas, Ken Dean, Patrick Ciccone

Patrick was welcomed as a new member of the commission. He is the owner of the Pierce House (Column House) in Oak Hill and is trained in and works in historic preservation.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as circulated.

Business:

Ken Mabey reported that Bill Krattinger came down to look at the Cornwallville Cemetery. It will probably be approved for inclusion on the County Register at the June meeting.

Meeting House Hill Cemetery. Pete Fedes is the owner of the property and they have said they have no objection to having it listed on historic registers but we do not have written permission yet. Ken M. will contact Janet Nelson about getting permission.

The Cornwallville sign needs repainting: Nick will contact Steve Erickson since the Twelve Tribes are not able to do the work.

Also discussed were a Historic District in Oak Hill, a Main Street Revitalization project, listing St Mary's Church and Saybrook Hill Farm the National Register. Patrick and Mary Lou will continue to work with Bill K.

Patrick had contacted Bill Krattinger in the fall regarding Tax Incentives Credits for being in a District.

Next meeting will be May 14 at the Town Building

Meeting adjourned at 10.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Lou Nahas, Secretary

DURHAM HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: May 14, 2016

Present: Ken Mabey, Ni Jackson, Nick Nahas, Mary Lou Nahas, Ken Dean, Patrick Ciccone, Dan Clifton

The meeting started at 9 am at the Town Building.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated.

Business: Ken Mabey reported that the Cornwallville Cemetery would probably be put on the State and National Registers in June.

Target is to go through the Cornwallville Cemetery Records. Janet Nelson will contact Pete Fedes for permission to list the Meeting House Hill cemetery and Mary Lou and Ken will work with SHPO to have it listed.

Hannelore Krebs wants the Cornwallville sign repaired; she will pay the cost. The Twelve Tribes cannot do the work and Steve Erickson has been contacted by Nick.

Patrick C. reported on the Oak Hill Historic District. He has set up a meeting for June 20 with Bill Krattinger from SHPO to walk through and map out the district. Nick will join them.

Dan Clifton came to report on the Durham Valley Land Trust which has been a 10 year project for the 140 acre farm on the Susquehanna Twp.

Nick reported that the Oak Hill Methodist Church will be open for the Sacred Sites Open House program on May 21.

Ken mentioned the Green County Homes Tour.

Next meeting will be July 9.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Lou Nahas, Secretary

Durham Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

Date: July 9, 2016

Present: Ken Mabey, Nick Nahas, Mary Lou Nahas, Bobbie Cunningham, Ni Jackson, Patrick Ciccone, Ken Dean. Bob and Fran Smith from the public.

Meeting opened at 9 a.m. by Chairman Ken Mabey.

Minutes from last meeting were accepted as distributed.

Ken M. reported that the Cornwallville Cemetery will be presented for inclusion on the State and National Registers at the September SHPO.

Patrick will make a presentation on the proposed Oak Hill District at the OHPA meeting following this meeting. Ken thanked Patrick for this work on this project.

Linda Mackey has requested a visit to do an audit for the CLG program. Ken will contact her to set a date.

Oak Hill Day will be July 30.

Nick reported that several groups are using the Community Center in the Durham School, which we designated as a local Historic Landmark: book club, 4-H, Civil Air Patrol, possibly bee keepers.

Mary Lou and Nick will present a program on Boarding Houses of Durham at the Greenville Local History Group on Sept. 12. Open to the public.

Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Sept 10.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Nahas, Secretary

DURHAM HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: Sept. 17, 2016

Present: Ken Mabey, Ni Jackson, Nick Nahas, Mary Lou Nahas, Bobbie Cunningham, Linda Mackey

The meeting started at 10 am at the Town Building. The meeting date and time had been changed to accommodate the visit of Linda Mackey from the State Office of Historic Preservation, who came to meet with us and do an audit.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated.

Business:

Ken Mabey reported that the Cornwallville Cemetery would probably be put on the State and National Registers in September; he had expected it to happen earlier but because we are a Certified Local Government it was delayed.

Meeting House Hill Cemetery: no report from owners.

Cornwallville sign: Now repaired and installed. Mary Lou will write a note to Hannah Krebs thanking her for paying for it.

October 22 will be a special public meeting on the proposed Oak Hill Historic District.

Nick and Mary Lou will present a program on the Boarding Houses of Durham at the September meeting of the Greenville Local History Group.

Linda Mackey from the State Office of Historic Preservation introduced herself and explained the state is now doing an audit every four years. She suggested listing information about the commission on the Town Website. She spoke about annual reports and requested a resume of new members. Bobbie will do annual reports; Nick will train her on how to do them. Linda spoke about grants for publications and training. Dan Macanney is the grants coordinator. She asked about a list of local landmarks (Tremain House, Durham School, Tripp House and Store, Meeting House Hill Cemetery)

Adjourned at 11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Lou Nahas, Secretary