

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
PRESERVE SENECA FALLS, INC.
ON JULY 17, 2017**

The Board of Directors of Preserve Seneca Falls, Inc. held a continuation of its initial meeting July 17, 2017 2015, at 5:00 p.m. at the Seneca Falls Visitors Center Falls Street Seneca Falls New York .

Board members Doug Avery, Fran Caraccilo, Emil Bove, John Strawway, Chris Poduzweit, Lyn Bove, and Kathy Jans-Duffy were in attendance. Christopher Lytle was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00.

Review of June Minutes: Additions & Corrections: minutes should include names and more information on various historic districts in the Town of Seneca Falls.

Move to approve minutes by Fran Caraccilo, second, by Doug Avery, and approved with corrections.

Board consensus was that we should create a list of the historic districts in the Town of Seneca Falls and buildings in them.

Fran Caraccilo agreed to create a map of various districts with colored coding. Need to add SHPO, Canal Corp information.

The 1991 Seneca Falls Village Historic District – consisted of Cayuga Street, Fall Street , into Canal, but Bayard Street not included.

How to use districts and how to educate public – there are local and federal programs available each has benefits and headaches. We need to learn about programs and have educational sessions for the public, have a web site and articles in the papers. How do we illustrate various districts, also need to explain the differences. Talk about tax credit. Review historic district commission procedures and be able to explain to interested parties.

Tax credits - residential different from investment. At this time home owners can apply but need to have SHPO approved plans. Is there a minimum (\$5,000?)

National Register Districts – have to make case to State Historic Preservation Office, many buildings in town are on the National Register of Historic Places because they are in the district. Individual owners can apply for each building to insure tax benefits

All 3 Federal districts are equal in terms of benefits

Bayard Street and Sackett District, Sackett House, discussed the benefits to being in the district Headstart owns Sackett house. federal program apply to SHPO?

Other local buildings on the National Register of Historic Places: U.S. Post Office, Presbyterian Church, “Bloomer” house, Fourth Ward School, Stanton House.

Have map with overlay of local & federal districts have a digital version available Fran

User friendly, interactive maps Chris

Landmark Affiliation – what are the benefits to Seneca Falls and members of Preserve Seneca Falls, also talk to Preservation League (they have access to lobbyists) John will find out

By Laws – add dissolution and correct typos. Motion to approve by Doug Avery, second by Fran Caraccilo, and approved

Tax Exempt status – application once bank account set up - Bank account has been opened at Chemung Trust.

meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m..

July 2017

Kathy Jans-Duffy