The 429th meeting of the Penfield Historic Preservation Board was held on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. EDT, in the Supervisor’s boardroom at the Penfield Town Hall, 3100 Atlantic Avenue, Penfield, NY 14526

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joan Belgiorno, Chair
Tom Combs
Don Crumb
Steve Golding

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Glenn Enderby
Mira Mejibovsky
Mike Pignato

ALSO PRESENT:

Jim Costello, Director of Developmental Services
Kathy Kanauer, Town Historian
Robert Lindsay, contractor for Dr. Merkley
Paula Metzler, Town Board Liaison

1.0 Approve minutes of the February 4, 2016 meeting
   It was moved by Don Crumb and seconded by Tom Combs that the February 4, 2016 minutes be approved as amended. All present voted Aye.

2.0 Consideration of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness
   None
3.0 Miscellaneous Matters

3.1 Discussion of proposed office building at 2105 Five Mile Line Road – Robert Lindsay informally met with the Board to have a follow up discussion from its February 4th meeting to clarify issues raised by the Board, particularly what design features could be incorporated into the building to break up the long, narrow look along Liberty Street; the use of double hung windows versus casement windows to make the building look more residential than commercial; and the use of a plaster coating over the foundation walls to give the building a more aesthetic appeal. The Board also reviewed a memo sent to Jim Costello from architect John Page from Bero Architecture dated March 4, 2016 in which he addressed the board’s concerns after meeting with Mr. Lindsay. Bob Lindsay stated that he agreed with the Board that the length of the building should be broken up and directed Mr. Page to address the issue. He also stated that he supports the use of double hung windows versus the proposed casement windows and will have them incorporated into the final design prior to submitting an application for the Certificate of Appropriateness. He also asked Mr. Page to specify that the foundation walls be treated with a stucco treatment so that the block is covered. He stated that he will return to the Historic Preservation Board to request a Certificate of Appropriateness once all of the design details have been addressed and shown on revised drawings.

3.2 Discussion of Historic Preservation Event – the Board discussed possibly hosting an event in the fall at the Town Hall to provide residents, particularly residents who own historic homes to gain a better understanding of the importance of historic preservation in general, but also to provide some history of the homes they live in to give them insight and appreciation of their history. In anticipation of the Board’s discussion, Kathy Kanauer prepared an outline of what could be addressed at the event. The Board determined that it would like to hold the event in October, possibly on the Columbus Day weekend. This would give the Board and Historian time to invite speakers, possibly Cynthia Howk from the Landmark Society of Western New York, Landscaper Bruce Zaretsky, and others who could give interesting presentations. The owners of landmark buildings would be invited to the event to further encourage them to attend. The Board requested Jim Costello to look at various dates to reserve the Town Hall auditorium for the event. The Board will discuss creating a committee to oversee the event at its next meeting on April 7th.

3.3 Jim Costello gave the Board an update of the potential sale of the Shadow Lake and Shadow Pines golf courses, particularly as the sale of Shadow Pines may affect the Clark House which is a designated landmark. He also made the Board aware of future projects for its review, such as the possible conversion of the Church at 2106 Five Mile Line Road to apartments, and the proposed new mixed use building at 1865 Penfield Road. He also discussed the status of the Mud House at 992 Whalen Road and stated that he would meet with the Code Compliance Officer to see what can be done to have the owner maintain it as it has been neglected for some time.

4.0 Adjournment – Don Crumb motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

For The Historic Preservation Board
James Costello
Acting Clerk to the Board