

- PRESENT Pete Coppins, Chris O’Hara, James Baptiste, Russ Piper, Shannon Fundis, Donna Cassick
- ABSENT Loretta Frankovitch, Rita Geiben, Jillian Stokes
- CALL TO ORDER Pete Coppins called the Historical Preservation Commission meeting to order at 6:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- MINUTES A motion was made by Chris O’Hara seconded by James Baptiste and passed unanimously to approve the February 09, 2026, minutes as submitted.
- OLD BUSINESS **755 Center St. – Olcott Lobster Co.-Signs - Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 02-2026**
 A motion was made by James Baptiste seconded by Chris O’Hara and passed unanimously to approve the Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 02-2026 at 755 Center St. for Olcott Lobster Co. wall mounted 2’x2’ sign that will be Dibond aluminum composite with whitewash background, red lettering and blue logo and a projecting 48”x24” vinyl, two faced sign that will have a beige washed background, blue lettering that will say Olcott Lobster Co and have a picture of a fishing boat as presented.
- 460 Center St. – Parking Lot Signage – Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 03-2026**
 A motion was made by Chris O’Hara seconded by James Baptiste and passed unanimously to approve the Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 03-2026 to place two free standing “Park and pay upon arrival”, three free standing “Pay Before Walking Away”, and three free standing “FAIRBANKS Customers” in the parking lot at 460 Center St. All of the signs will be 24”x24” aluminum, single faced, and have a black background with white letters as presented.
- NEW BUSINESS **755 Center St. – Olcott Lobster Co.-Paint Change-Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 04-2026**
 A motion was made by James Baptiste seconded by Chris O’Hara and passed unanimously to approve Olcott Lobster Co. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 04-2026 at 755 Center St. to paint the porch pillars and columns in a warm creamy white and the shutters to be painted in a muted blue as presented.
- DISCUSSION **Crosswalk Signs on Center St.**
 Lee Simonson with the De-Sign Committee asked the HPC Board to support a petition to the New York State Department of Transportation to replace the yellow fluorescent crosswalk signs on Center St. with black and white, fluorescent crosswalk signs stating that black and white are just as effective. Our committee is also requesting to take down the crosswalk sign in front of the Frontier House and replace it with a small street level pedestrian sign near the sidewalk reading: “Please Look Both Ways Before Crossing”.
- James Baptiste said the crosswalk sign in front of the Frontier House is more for the drivers. If a pedestrian is in the right of way the import is on the driver. I don’t know if an investigation into the impact of taking away a road sign that instructs drivers how to act and putting the ownership on pedestrians how to act at that spot is appropriate. Also, what if replacing the yellow, fluorescent signs with black and white, fluorescent signs is not cost mutual, is your committee willing to pay the cost if DOT says we are not doing it for free?
- Simonson answered no, we will not be spending any money. The DOT is going to say yes or no, and it doesn’t hurt to ask. The State spends billions of dollars a year on streetscapes, and they can continue to do so.
- Pete Coppins stated I believe color change is something we would most likely agree upon. Your next step would be to go to the Village Board to approve changing out the signs at someone’s cost, whether it will be the Village of Lewiston or the DOT.
- Lastly, Simonson stated we would appreciate your support, and we would like a letter from the HPC Board that we can include with our petition.
- ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Chris O’Hara seconded by James Baptiste and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:16pm.

