

PRESENT Mayor Welch, Trustee Eydt, Trustee Conde, Trustee Gibson, Trustee Marasco, Superintendent Wills, Clerk Fundis, Treasurer Myers, Deputy Clerk Vazquez, **Planning Commission** – Norman Machelor, Savana Bevacqua, Doreen Albee, Tasia Fitzpatrick, Diana Lewandowski, Joseph Sorce
Historic Preservation – Loretta Frankovitch, Susan Hofert, David Giusiana

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Welch called the Joint Commission meeting to order at 6:55pm.

BUSINESS **Historically Designated Properties**

A discussion ensued with the Village Board of Trustees, Historic Preservation & Planning Board Commissions on the guidelines and standards for historically designated properties.

Loretta Frankovitch expressed her concerns that the Historic Preservation Commission was not supported by the Village Board in a recent situation with a historically designated home. Frankovitch also emphasized the importance of everyone being more familiar with the Village Code and historic guidelines.

Mayor Welch stated she felt that there was a disconnect with what you can and cannot require of a historic property; we want these homes preserved, but cannot tell the homeowner to spend more money to get it to look the way we want. There are historic properties with vinyl siding that look wonderful. We also have historic properties with wood siding that look horrible. The use of a more sustainable material would look great, last longer and be maintainable.

Susan Hofert added that she felt there is a lack of communication between the Board Members and Zoning Officer and that there are too many inconsistencies; there needs to be stricter policies and guidelines. There are mandates we are trying to follow, not our personal opinions.

Tasia Fitzpatrick commented that we need to agree on whether we want the village to be historic or not; and as of this date there should be no bearing on prior practice and decisions. We need to put the stake in the ground now, set standard guidelines in place and define a collective process going forward.

Trustee Eydt emphasized the need to move ahead, and to work on the communication and the education for the homeowner, continue to improve getting the information out to people.

David Giusiana suggested that the Village Board of Trustees mandate the Historic Preservation Commission to resurvey the Village of Lewiston's existing historically designated homes to identify their historic significance. From there, properties could be broken down into three categories based on their level of significance. We can work towards reducing the number of properties on the list, establish and set forth guidelines for these properties, and inform the homeowner who can then choose to accept these guidelines.

The decision was made to have David Giusiana bring up his mentioned suggestion at the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting for that board to discuss and work on a plan to submit to the Village Board of Trustees. No action was taken.

ADJOURN Mayor Welch adjourned the meeting at 7:56pm.