EAST AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2010
Time: 6 pm
Place: Village Hall
571 Main Street, East Aurora
Basement conference room (Red Room)

Present: Saxon Deck, Deputy Chair
Kitty Turgeon
Linda Zaff
John Newton
Pat Mahoney

Absent: Betty Cheteny
Christine Peters
Daniel Roelofs
Mark Warren

GUESTS: Alex Weberg, Ashley Friess, Victoria Budzyn, E.A. High School

Ms. Deck called the meeting to order and noted that at 6.10 there was no quorum present.

New members, Linda Zaff and John Newton were welcomed - Ms. Zaff has signed her oath of office and Mr. Newton will do so.

Mr. Mahoney arrived 10 minutes later giving us a quorum and upon motion by John Newton, seconded by Kitty Turgeon, the minutes of the May meeting were reviewed and approved – RESOLVED the minutes of the May 19th, 2010 meeting are APPROVED.

NO APPLICATIONS

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Newton and student guests, Alex Weberg, Ashley Friess and Victoria Budzyn, reported on their project of documenting an application which needed extra research for 73 Center Street. They are making every effort to have a completed application ready for the commissions’ critique and review at our September meeting. They commented on the fun of uncovering interesting features of the property. They were enthusiastic and enjoyable! Ms. Turgeon discussed with them and all of us the architectural discoveries being made on the Roycroft properties and hoped they would discover the joy and excitement of Preservation through this and other projects.

Ms. Zaff then detailed her beginnings on the documentation of properties for a district at the East end of Main Street. A discussion ensued as to the level of professionalism needed in this work and all agreed we needed to investigate hiring a firm to help, doing so with the aid of grant funds. Rob Goller will be contacted by Ms. Zaff and also, Rachel Francis was mentioned as someone with good information.

Mr. Mahoney stated that Bero is retiring, but there are other firms who do this. Also he stated that times are tough, and the financial end could be reasonable at present time. We need to state a range we want to stay in financially, and perhaps there can be a collaboration between consultant and students, which Mr. Newton thought would work.

It was also suggested that the survey and background could be started and that will eliminate some buildings.

The question arose as to whether Sue Barnes is still the Grant writer for the Village/Town.
Mr. Newton then asked if a possible meeting with the East Main Street residents could be set for sometime in October.

The remaining 15 minutes of the meeting was spent in conversation with our guest students discussing and explaining Preservation, how it works, the different designations for landmarking and why it is important to all of us.

We also wished Ms. Turgeon well on her upcoming hip surgery, September 16th.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7.05

Saxon Cobb Deck, Deputy Chair