



Agenda for Wednesday, October 10, 2018 meeting at 7 PM

- Present: Daniel I. Sheff, Mary Ann Colopy, Mark Warren, Linda Ulrich-Hagner, Michael Ried, Michael Lennon, Liz Cassidy (Village Code Enforcement Department [Bill Kramer]).
- Absent: Saxon Deck, Patrick Mahoney and Steven Lazickas.

Old Business:

- September meeting minutes- Deferred until the HPC receives the September meeting minutes from the Town Clerk.

New Business:

- Demolition application of 687 Hilliker Court (recorder's battery died a few minutes into Mr. Warren's introductory remarks so I quickly downloaded an app for my Android smartphone called Easy Voice Recorder).
- Present from the public: Jordan Bonanno & Amy King.

Mark Warren-

HPC's role is to report to the Village Board in an advisory capacity and indicate a "No Objection" because there is no historical significance to the structure.

Amy King-

It is a Sears Kit house.

They have a verbal report from an engineer that is was "structurally sound." The engineer's name is: John Schenne, PE. She will follow-up with him again for a written report.

The siding contains asbestos, so Amy & Jordan removed it themselves.

Assessor recently reduced home's valuation because it was deemed uninhabitable.

No one will insure the property because there are no locks on the doors; holes in the floor.

100" pine tree has been removed.

Yard will be fenced with 6' vinyl fence.

Jordan-

Basement is flooded so they believe there is mold present. The walls are wallboard and have wallpaper on them, both of which can support mold formation.



New Business: (continued)

Demolition application of 687 Hilliker Court

Mark Warren- Has not heard anything from Jordan or Amy that there is any historical significance to the property or the home.

So Mark made a motion that the HPC does not have an objection to the demolition. Daniel Sheff seconded it and the motion passed unanimously (6 – 0). Liz Cassidy volunteered to report our non-objection. Attach Jordan & Amy's application, letter & Rob Goller's email.

Old Business:

- Warren report, plaque issues

Mark- In touch with Wendt Foundation's attorney and drawn up an agreement. Still some questions remain about the proposed use of the Classic Single R mark.

But the Wendt attorney noticed that the Village Seal already contains a Roycroft mark that they were unaware of, so this will be folded into the approval for the plaque.

Mary Ann- David Randell (who attended our last HPC meeting) is willing to help us photograph historic structures in the Village for us. Mary Ann asked if I had been in contact with him and I said no. So I need to follow-up with him via email (randell498@gmail.com).

- Community outreach- "Landmarking 101" by PBN on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 7 PM at the Power House

Mary Ann- will email the HPC the presentation Christiana will be giving that evening. Also, she will contact Adam from the EA Advertiser. Finally, she will personally invite some of the East Main Street neighbors.

Mike Ried- will pickup coffee and donuts.

- Williamsville's invitation to the EA HPC and other HPC's is on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at ___ PM at _____.

- Outstanding restorations:

- 1) RCC-

Michael Lennon-

Started installing a screen fence right next to the Print Shop.
In the process of restoring the copper gutter on the Print Shop.
Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for Copper Shop floor.
New boiler, new supply lines & clean radiators.



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Remove tin ceiling as it is not Roycroft.

2) Lydell-

Mary Ann- No response to her letter so she will resend a 2nd letter.

New Business:

- Demolition application of 687 Hilliker Court- please refer to the line above.

- Oct 25th event- please refer to the line above.

- Village board representation, nominees for HPC?

Mary Ann- Mark still needs to find his replacement and sooner rather than later.

Mark- Pat Mahoney may be on the same cycle as he.

Regarding Village Board representation at HPC meetings, it was recommended that Mary Ann can contact Cathie Thomas about Steve's repeated absences.

Michael Lennon- Has been speaking to Patrick Capruso [sic] from Vertical Access about becoming a new Commission member.

Michael Ried made a motion to adjourn our meeting at 7:14 PM. Seconded and passed unanimously.

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From: **Robert Goller** <rg@townofaurora.com>
Date: Wed, Sep 26, 2018 at 1:43 PM
Subject: RE: 687 Hilliker Ct
To: Mary Ann Colopy <mac.colopy@gmail.com>

Good morning, Mary Ann:

I checked through the maps and files this morning, and we don't have anything in particular regarding this house on Hilliker Court, other than it was built in 1920 and is 924 square feet according to the tax records.

I do know that Hilliker Court has an interesting history, which I delved into on a limited basis for a previous request for information. It was originally Antigo Place. It appears it was renamed for the Hilliker family, who owned a lot on Oakwood Avenue and on Olean Road where the "road" once passed through. The road once looped from Olean Road around to Oakwood, and in the early 2000s, the Village Board relinquished the deed to the "pass-through" on Oakwood and made the street a dead-end. From a search of the village board



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minutes, it appears the road (or, more aptly, "path") was originally private. It appears like it wasn't originally planned as a road, because there were concerns (according to the minutes) about the village taking it over because it was so narrow. Given the time period and the size of the houses, I would guess they would have been housing for workers at the nearby industries. I conducted a digital search for "Hilliker Court" of the East Aurora Advertiser in the 1910s and 1920s and found advertisements for an electrician and two obituaries, one of which was for a gentleman who worked at the Griggs and Ball mill. I also searched for Antigo Place, but nothing came up.

The 1941 telephone directly has a Eugene Hadley living at 687 Hilliker Court with no telephone. I could not find any additional information about him, but I don't recognize his name.

Attached are two Sanborn maps, from 1920 and 1927 that show the area. As expected, the 1912 map shows nothing in that area.

I hope this helps. As always, please do not hesitate to let me know if I can be of additional assistance.

Best Regards,

Robert

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From: Mary Ann Colopy [mailto:mac.colopy@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 10:22 AM

To: Robert Goller

Subject: 687 Hilliker Ct

Hey Rob how are you doing on this rainy rainy day? The historic preservation commission has received a demolition application for 687 Hilliker Court. I drove by it and the house does look pretty dilapidated but on the application they stated that it was perhaps a Sears kit house. Do you have any information on this property? Or the street? it's a pretty tight street, really an alley, I don't know that a fire engine could go down that street safely. Anything you have that could help the commission be greatly appreciated, thanks a lot! Mary