

At 7:15 p.m. Supervisor Lester called to order a public hearing located at the Town Hall, 18 State Street, Brockport, New York on December 13, 2005. The purpose of the public hearing was for the presentation of testimony and documentary evidence, which will become part of a record regarding the historic, architectural or cultural importance of the proposed landmark at 4988 Lake Road South.

Town Board Members present were Supervisor Lester, Councilperson Carges, Councilperson Connors, Councilperson Ferris, and Councilperson Windus-Cook. Also present were Town Clerk Karen Sweeting, Town Historian Kathleen Goetz, and Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson Don Grentzinger.

Visitor present was Jim Hamlin from 50 Park Avenue.

Supervisor Lester asked Town Clerk Karen Sweeting to read the legal notice published in the Town newspapers. Notice was read.

Councilperson Windus-Cook stated that she submitted the petition to the remaining members of the Town Board to seek landmark status for the cemetery house and barn located at 4988 Lake Road South. She received a letter of recommendation from the Landmarks Advisory Committee chaired by David Strabel and also a statement from the Town Historian Kathleen Goetz. Councilperson Windus-Cook read the statement submitted by the Town Historian. Ms. Windus-Cook asked Mrs. Goetz if she had anything to add.

Kathy Goetz encouraged the Board to take advantage of both buildings and save the barn. She stated that few early barns are left standing in the Town of Sweden and this particular barn is reflective of its history. The barn would be wonderful for the community to use as a museum and an opportunity for the fourth graders to see that part of history. (Local history is part of the fourth grade curriculum.) The "Cemetery Committee" is proposing to make the house into a living farmhouse. Mrs. Goetz stated that recently another grant application was sent for archival records. Granting the barn landmark status would help in the application process for future grants. She strongly encourages the use of the house and barn.

Councilperson Ferris asked if the grants were matching grants. Councilperson Windus-Cook answered that it depends on the grant, but the one they are in the process of applying for is a matching grant. Ms. Windus-Cook stated that matching could also include in-kind support, not necessarily just money. She is proposing to build up the barn's foundation and install an overhead door to create adequate storage for the cemetery equipment. Mrs. Goetz added that this is a very functional project.

Town Historian Kathy Goetz excused herself at 7:25 pm for another meeting.

Councilperson Windus-Cook passed photos to the Board members of the barn. Ms. Windus-Cook stated that the barn would be raised and concrete blocks would replace the crumbling fieldstone foundation. She added that sometime in the future fieldstone would be placed to bring the natural character back to the foundation.

Councilperson Carges stated that he supports landmark status of 4988 Lake Road South as long as there are no restrictions on the use of the basement of the barn. Councilperson Windus-Cook stated that she would like it to be functional for the Town as well as a museum. Don Grentzinger asked if given landmark status what the restrictions would be. Councilperson Ferris answered that it would fall under Town Code, not the State or County, whatever restrictions the Town Code has for landmarks would apply to this location as well.

Supervisor Lester asked if there were any further comments. No further comments were made. The public hearing was closed at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Sweeting  
Town Clerk