

VILLAGE OF COXSACKIE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
October 14, 2025

Chairperson Patricia Maxwell (“the Chair”) called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Historic Preservation Commission Members: Michael Rausch, Chris Fisher, Nancy Harm, Hannah Kastanos, and Wendy Warren. David Dorpfeld was absent.

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2025, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting was made by Nancy Harm and seconded by Michael Rausch. Chairperson Maxwell voted yes. Michael Rausch voted yes. Nancy Harm voted yes. Wendy Warren voted yes. Chris Fisher and Hannah Kastanos abstained. The motion carried.

New Business

1. 38 South River Street- Chairperson Maxwell stated that the Board has received an application from Karen Gunderson for the paving of the driveway next to her studio at 38 South River Street, with brick pavers, to cover the area between her studio and Patrick Henry’s parking lot. Chairperson Maxwell asked if the pavers will be in the herringbone pattern, or straight across.

Karen Gunderson stated that she is open for suggestions, but she was thinking that the herringbone would probably be best, only because of the way that it would seem to lock into place more. She doesn’t know that that is true, but it seems that way. However, she likes the other option as well, because then it is straightforward and matches the brick on the buildings. She was going to work on the decision with the gentleman who will be installing them, and get his opinion on what would be the safest.

Chairperson Maxwell stated that the Board can just approve it stating that it will either be in the herringbone, or straight pattern. She understands that Ms. Gunderson will want whatever is the most stable, and least susceptible to frost.

Karen Gunderson stated that she has been told that the company she is using does extremely good work.

Chairperson Maxwell asked if she understood correctly that Kevin Hartka, from Crystal Peak Construction out of Ghent, would be the one doing the work.

Karen Gunderson stated that that is correct.

Chairperson Maxwell asked if she understood correctly that the pavers will be the 2 ¼” inches

thick, which is heavy enough to support vehicle traffic.

Karen Gunderson stated that that is correct.

Chairperson Maxwell asked Ms. Gunderson if the pavers will be in the Rumbled Red color.

Karen Gunderson stated that that is correct.

Chairperson Maxwell asked Ms. Gunderson when she hoped to have this done.

Karen Gunderson stated that she hopes to have this done next week. She was just waiting on approval from this Board.

Chris Fisher asked if he understood correctly that these pavers are going to go up to the driveway for Patrick Henry's.

Karen Gunderson stated that they would be going up to the driveway on the side of her building.

Chris Fisher asked if they would be butted up to the blacktopped parking lot for Patrick Henry's.

Karen Gunderson stated that that is correct.

Michael Rausch stated that Ms. Gunderson is going to have to work around the guide wire stake, or move it.

Nancy Harm stated that they cannot move it. She was wondering about that also.

Michael Rausch stated that the problem is that when they moved the pole, they wanted to go further in with the guide wire as it was, but because there was a property dispute going on at the time, and there was a green fence up, they decided to not go past that point. If it was up to them, they would go even deeper towards Ms. Gunderson's building with that guide wire if they could. However, that's not the point. They are not going to go any less. If the pole went less, then the pole starts sagging back towards the weight of the wire.

Karen Gunderson stated that she contacted the company. They came and looked, and said that they cannot move it because the angle that it's on is what makes it the most stable.

Michael Rausch stated that if they were going to do anything, they would want to go closer to Ms. Gunderson's building, not away from the building. The point is that she is still going to have to work around the pin. The contractor would just have to cut around it. He asked Ms. Gunderson if

she plans on having State Telephone come in and do what they need to do with their wires, before she does this work.

Karen Gunderson stated that that is what she is hoping. She has been in conversation with State Telephone Company about this for the last year, and they keep telling her that they will be over soon.

Michael Rausch stated that he can put a bug in their ear as well. He would recommend conduit, since it is inexpensive, and there is a lot of rock in that soil.

Wendy Warren asked which office Ms. Gunderson is calling, when calling State Telephone. She said that you don't want to call the business office, you want to call the building that is across the street from the Village Building.

Michael Rausch stated that Ms. Gunderson can call and ask to speak with Tyrone. He said that she can let him know that you are looking to bury the wire at least a foot and a half below where the pavers will be put in. She should try to get this done before the pavers go in.

Hannah Kastanos stated that she would just like to clarify the colors of the pavers. Ms. Gunderson provided copies of both Rumbled Red, and Rumbled Full Range. She asked which color Ms. Gunderson is going with. She said that personally, she prefers the Rumbled Red.

Karen Gunderson stated that she is going with the Rumbled Red.

Michael Rausch asked how far back Ms. Gunderson plans on going with the pavers.

Karen Gunderson stated that they are trying to figure that out. She wants to make a path that will go from the driveway, around to the back door, in the same brick. This way they can walk on something even.

Chairperson Maxwell stated that that should be mentioned as part of this application.

Michael Rausch stated that looking at it, there is a slight slope. So, the contractor will probably have to bring in some fill and underlayment in order to contour it.

Karen Gunderson stated that she also doesn't need a cut out for the vehicle entrance, since it is the same height as the road.

Michael Rausch stated that the sidewalk isn't raised, so she should be able to transition right over it. There are plenty of people who have the sidewalk go right through the front of their driveway

anyway. He is not sure how deep the contractor will have to go, but she should make sure that her gas line gets marked before digging.

A motion to approve the application received from Karen Gunderson, of 38 South River Street, amended to include a walkway from the driveway, to the backdoor, with the same brick pavers that will be used in the driveway, was made by Chris Fisher and seconded by Wendy Warren. Chairperson Maxwell voted yes. Michael Rausch voted yes. Chris Fisher voted yes. Nancy Harm voted yes. Hannah Kastanos voted yes. Wendy Warren voted yes. The motion carried.

Old Business

Training- Chairperson Maxwell stated that she will continue to forward any webinars received from the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) to the Board Members as they are received.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the Historic Preservation Commission meeting was made by Nancy Harm and seconded by Patricia Maxwell. Chairperson Maxwell voted yes. Michael Rausch voted yes. Chris Fisher voted yes. Nancy Harm voted yes. Hannah Kastanos voted yes. Wendy Warren voted yes. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki Berezna". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Nikki Berezna
Clerk