

Village of Northville
Town of Northampton
Historic Landmark Commission

November 10, 2009

Cultural Resources Reconnaissance Survey –
Inventory of Historic Resources

FINDINGS

The Northville-Northampton Historic Landmark Commission (Commission) members find as follows:

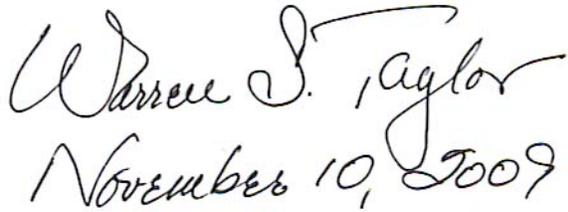
1. Whereas, the Town of Northampton has a Historic Preservation Ordinance (Ordinance), and the Village of Northville Trustees have determined that the Ordinance is applicable in the Village of Northville; and
2. Whereas, the Ordinance requires the Commission to determine and periodically revise the criteria for the identification and evaluation of historic resources; and
3. Whereas, the Ordinance requires the Commission to periodically identify and evaluate the historic resources of the Town of Northampton and maintain an Inventory of Historic Resources, and at such time as surveys are being conducted, to notify owners of the subject properties and invite them to provide comment and input; and
4. Whereas, the Ordinance requires the Commission to develop or adopt a system, based on historic integrity and significance, for evaluating historic resources, ranking them as eligible, potentially eligible, or ineligible for listing on the Designated Landmarks Register, and to notify owners of surveyed properties of these findings; and
5. Whereas, the Ordinance requires the Commission to document properties in the Inventory of Historic Resources on forms compatible with the Statewide Inventory of Historic Properties, and upon completion, to supply copies of the forms to the State Historic Preservation Office; and
6. Whereas, the Ordinance requires records concerning archaeological sites not be made available to the public except as provided under the New York Freedom of Information Law; and
7. Whereas, the Commission, in 2006, following consultation with the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), prepared a Request for Proposals for an Inventory of Historic Resources which was issued with responses due by June 15, 2006; and
8. Whereas, the Commission selected the lowest priced and best proposal from Andrea Becker who was found qualified by SHPO and whose proposal was found appropriate by SHPO; and
9. Whereas, Ms. Becker's proposal was for preparation of a Cultural Resources Survey (Survey); and
10. Whereas, the Commission applied for, received and accepted a New York State Preservation League Preserve NY 2008 grant award for completing this Survey, with a due date which was extended by mutual agreement to November 20, 2009; and
11. Whereas, the Town of Northampton entered into a contract with Ms. Becker for completion of the Survey; and
12. Whereas, the Town of Northampton has adopted and amended the Demolition Permit Local Law, effective January 1, 2010, to not permit demolition of any structure on the Inventory of Historic Resources for up to ninety days from the date of demolition permit filing, and to designate the Commission as the lead agency to attempt rescue of such structure by any and all means possible; and
13. Whereas, the Commission reviewed draft criteria and inventory proposed by Ms. Becker in July, 2009, and reviewed and commented on a draft report from Ms. Becker in September and on another draft report from her in October; and
14. Whereas, a copy of a draft report has been shared with the Northville Mayor and the Northampton Supervisor, and they had no comments; and
15. Whereas, the Commission has received a final report from Ms. Becker which incorporates the Commission's comments; and
16. Whereas, the report from Ms. Becker, including the criteria for identification of historic resources and the Inventory of Historic Resources and the history of Northampton as well as any other parts of this report may, at a future date, be revised individually or as a complete, new edition and adopted and issued by the Commission as provided by the Ordinance.

Now therefore the Commission determines that:

1. The criteria for identification and evaluation of historic resources proposed in Ms. Becker's final report are consistent with requirements of the Ordinance and are adopted; and
2. The Inventory of Historic Resources proposed in Ms. Becker's final report is consistent with requirements of the Ordinance and is adopted as the "Inventory of Historic Resources for the Village of Northville and the Town of Northampton;" and
3. Letters will be sent by the Commission to owners of Historic Resources advising them of the historic status of their properties and inviting them to an informational meeting on a date and at a venue to be determined; the letters will be sent on a date to be set at the next meeting of the Commission; and
4. Recommendations for the creation of historic districts in Fish House, Northville and Sacandaga Park should be pursued in the most effective manner and with the Commission's support; and
5. The one color copy of the final report will be printed as part of Ms. Becker's contract, and additional copies of the report will be printed at the Town's/Commission's expense as necessary to provide one copy to each of the following: the Preservation League of NY (not later than November 20, 2009), and the State Office for Historic Preservation with an invitation for their comment; the Northampton Town Board, the Village Trustees, the Office of the Northampton Town Clerk, the Office of the Northville Village Clerk, the Northville Public Library; and the Fulton County Historian, and the Northville and Northampton Town Historian; and
6. A CD containing the electronic version of the report, secured to prevent alteration, will be provided with each paper copy of the report.

Motion to adopt these Findings made by __W. Taylor__ and seconded by __W. Monster__

Rodena Bosch (**Yes**) (No)
Gail Cramer (**Yes**) (No)
Lorraine Decker (Yes) (No) (Abs)
Lewis Giles (**Yes**) (No)
Willem Monster (**Yes**) (No)
Barbara Spaeth (Yes) (No) (Abs)
Warren Taylor (**Yes**) (No)



Warren S. Taylor
November 10, 2009

Warren S. Taylor, chair
Historic Landmark Commission
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