

Lima Historic Preservation Commission Year End Summary 2019

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To: Supervisor Mike Falk and Lima Town Board Members
Mayor Carl Luft and Lima Village Board Members

From: **Historic Preservation Commission**

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Below is a brief summary of the activities carried out by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) during 2019. See attached reports for specifics. Not all HPC recommendations were implemented as the HPC's role is only advisory.

In October, HPC member Fran Gotcsik attended the Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program full-day training (CAMP) in Syracuse presented by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) and the Preservation League of New York State. NAPC's mission is to build strong local preservation programs through education, advocacy and training. The program offered an opportunity to interact with other HPC members from across the state, receive informational materials, and participate in discussions that were helpful to better understanding the role of a member of an HPC.

LIMA HPC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW REFERRALS

The referrals were all received from Lima's Code Enforcement Officer. HPC meetings were held to review each referral, usually on site and in conjunction with the landowner, followed by email correspondence among HPC members. HPC recommendations were transmitted to the CEO.

We thank the Lima Town and Village Boards for their ongoing support of Lima's Historic Preservation Commission. We appreciate the boards' recognition of the value of Lima's historic architectural assets, and the opportunity to be of service to the community in their preservation.

We are eager to add members to the Commission.

1883 Rochester Street

A National Register-listed c. 1860s vernacular Greek Revival commercial building with three store fronts and residential apartments on the second floor, located in the Lima Village National Register Historic District. The building is significant for the role it played in commercial activity in the village and for the amount of historic fabric still remaining, especially the cabinetry in the building's center retail space.

Work under review included a proposed addition of a 400 sf equipment porch and a 420sf fenced-in patio to the rear (east elevation) of the building. The HPC also offered preliminary feedback on initial stages of façade improvement involving removal of the shake shingle shed roof above the storefront windows across the Rochester Street (front, west) façade of the building. At a later date, the building owners will return to the HPC for additional recommendations regarding lighting, paint color choices, signage, and other issues that may arise subsequent to further exploration of the building.

1881 Rochester Street

A National Register-listed three-bay, two story c. 1860s brick commercial building located in the Lima Village National Register Historic District. The HPC recommended denial of the application to replace the three second floor 8-foot windows on the front façade with smaller windows with transoms. The HPC spoke on several occasions and the building owner regarding more effective and compatible, and much cheaper alternatives. The building owner eventually decided to install wooden storm windows as recommended by the HPC.

1893 Rochester Street

A National Register-listed c. 1860 one bay corner storefront in the Masonic/Lockington Block building located in the Lima Village National Register Historic District. The HPC provided recommendations on the concrete ramp and hand rail design as well as the panel design of the exterior door.