

# **LPC meeting notes for 3/11/25**

Members present:

Co-Chair Susan Geffen; Recording Sec'y Sheila Smith Drapeau; Ree Schultz; Marty Rube; Nora Manuele; Ed Woodyard; NC Board LPC Liaison Jose Berra.

Excused:

Christine Eggleton; Stu Brown, Linda Fernberg

Meeting commenced at 7:05p.

1) Old Business:

Resumed discussion regarding Windmill Entrance Gate re: possibility to landmark. Research indicates NY State may have to sign off on it in order for it to go forward. Ed Woodyard volunteered to write a letter to the NC Town Board expressing interest in landmarking (Windmill) entrance gate.

2) Also Old Business:

Discussion continued from 11/12/24 meeting re: landmarking the iconic Armonk Eagle (corner route 22 & route 128 Main St.) & what area surrounding it - from the posts it sits on - would be appropriate to include. Discussion included suggestions as to actual structure and poles or to further that area a few feet on the hill around it. Getting papers together to go before Town Board asking for landmark status. This discussion included whether NY State would be involved in the process. Ed Woodyard volunteered to call former LPC chair Sue Shimer for more information & relevant data.

3) New Business:

A general discussion for clarity & understanding re: the Town's proposed purchase of a new Town Hall complex for Town Business. Landmark Preservation Committee concerns were centered around the present complex at Mile Square, (which includes the Colonel Birdsall House and other buildings) and what would happen to them should the town find another site for various town departments, including the police station and the highway department.

Town Board Member José Berra laid out the current status of that issue and some of the concerns voiced by a variety of town residents.

It was noted at this time (as has been reiterated in the past) that North Castle Town Board reserves the right to overrule Landmark status.

#### 4) New Business:

Discussion of a variety of N. White Plains suggested possibilities for landmarking. Six possibilities were mentioned/discussed. They are: 21 Grove St.; Mount Misery (currently designated as open space by the North Castle Town Board); Miller Hill; old water tower cistern that held the water for Kensico before sewer systems came to North Castle; World War II monument nr. Reservoir Rd.; and the Old Castle Heights Church (windows are from the old Kensico church).

Nora Manuele will research and report back to the Committee at the upcoming April 8 meeting.

Susan Geffen made a motion to close out the meeting. Ed Woodyard seconded that motion. All members were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04p.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Sheila Smith Drapeau, recording secretary*