

November, 2024

Town of West Seneca Code
1250 Union Road, Rm 210
West Seneca, New York 14224

Re: Memo - Adoption of Historic Commission Recommendations
Town of West Seneca Town Board

Dear Town Supervisor Dickson & Town of West Seneca Town Board Members,

On behalf of the Town of West Seneca Historic Commission, we'd like to request the opportunity to appear before the Town Board to present our recommendations for advancing Historic Preservation in our town. Over the last year, we have developed a local landmark application procedure, criteria, and form, as well as a demolition ordinance and application procedure, both of which we would like adopted and fully incorporated in to town protocol so our commission can act as originally envisioned. In addition to these successes we have worked with Preservation Studios, on the survey and now nomination of two historic districts to the New York State list of Historic Places, with several properties identified as potentially independently eligible structures, should ownership deem listing beneficial. Upon certification, our Commission would like to locally landmark these districts as well but to do so requires the adoption of materials presented above.

We understand the Historic Preservation process can be confusing and we would welcome the chance to present to you the opportunities available to the Town upon the advancement of our proposed agenda. Please find enclosed the proposed ordinances, forms and procedures assembled earlier this year. A short summary of the benefits of historic designation and robust utilization of incentives and enhancement programs tied to such certifications is also available to our community and constituents.

We applaud the Town Board for taking the initial steps in the adoption of the local preservation ordinance and now seek your continued support as we take the next critical steps to the identification, and protection of our community's historic fabric. We look forward to continuing to work with all Town of West Seneca staff and elected officials on the execution of this vision.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul R. Lang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul R. Lang, AIA
Chair of the Town of West Seneca Historic Commission