


SCOTIA-GLENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: Susan Swartz, Superintendent
FROM: Andrew Giaquinto, School Business Manager 
DATE: August 22, 2024
RE: Beukendaal Building and Transportation Facility

At the August 12 BOE meeting, a Board member raised a concern with our plan to demolish the Beukendaal Building as part of the plan to upgrade the electric at the Transportation Facility to meet the mandate to transition the fleet to EVs. The Board member expressed interest in placing the building on the State and/or National Historic Registers. To address the concern, I reached out to Girvin and Ferlazzo and our architect to determine the necessary steps and the cost of adding the building to the Historic Register(s).

I was informed by our legal counsel that the process is detailed and not guaranteed. Since we are not eligible for the associated tax credits, the benefits to the District are limited. The process begins with an application to the State Historic Preservation Office for evaluation. If determined eligible (see attached evaluation criteria), the District is then responsible for submitting extensive documentation on how it meets the register criteria. The nomination process is typically twelve months or longer, depending on the quality of the application and the SHPO staff workloads. SHPO website states that in some instances it is appropriate to contract with private historic preservation consultants to develop the nomination information.

If the building were approved for inclusion on the Historic Register(s), the District would be required to bring it up to code and maintain the building going forward. We are looking at a potential \$2 million expense that is not eligible for aid. This would result in a 7% increase in taxes for a building that will have no practical use for the District.

If we refurbish and keep the building in its current location, we will not have space for the transformer required to get our transportation facility ready for the mandated EV phase-in. Preparing an alternate location to serve as the charging area for our buses will be considerably more expensive. The Transportation Facility renovations presented to the Board by our architect reflect the most cost-effective option for meeting the EV mandates.

The Board must approve proceeding with the application (also attached) in order to start the process.

AG/cc

Attachment

New York State and National Registers of Historic Places

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The following criteria are used to evaluate properties for listing on the National and State Registers of Historic Places. The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association and

Criterion A: that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or

Criterion B: that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or

Criterion C: that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or

Criterion D: that have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Ordinarily cemeteries, birthplaces, or graves of historical figures, properties owned by religious institutions or used for religious purposes, structures that have been moved from their original locations, reconstructed historic buildings, properties primarily commemorative in nature, and properties that have achieved significance within the past 50 years shall not be considered eligible for the State and National Registers. However, such properties will qualify if they are integral parts of districts that do meet the criteria or if they fall within the following categories:

- A. a religious property deriving primary significance from architectural or artistic distinction or historical importance; or
- B. a building or structure removed from its original location but which is significant primarily for architectural value, or which is the surviving structure most importantly associated with a historic person or event; or
- C. a birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance if there is no other appropriate site or building directly associated with his productive life; or
- D. a cemetery that derives its primary significance from graves of persons of transcendent importance, from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events; or
- E. a reconstructed building when accurately executed in a suitable environment and presented as part of a restoration master plan, and when no other building or structure with the same association has survived; or
- F. a property primarily commemorative in intent if design, age, tradition, or symbolic value has invested it with its own historical significance; or
- G. a property achieving significance within the past 50 years if it is of exceptional importance.

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STATE AND NATIONAL REGISTERS OF HISTORIC PLACES PROGRAM

**PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM
State and National Register Proposal**

This form is intended to initiate the National Register process. It is *not* a nomination for the National Register.

HISTORIC RESOURCE NAME

LOCATION

MUNICIPALITY/COUNTY

TYPE OF NOMINATION

Building Structure District Site

(e.g. single house) (e.g. bridge or dam) (multiple buildings) (landscape; cemetery; archaeological site)

Applicant:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: Day _____ Evening _____

E-mail: _____

Owner (if different from applicant):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Does owner support nomination? *yes* *no*

Preservation Consultant or other project contact (not OPRHP staff):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

(please also complete the reverse side)

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IDENTIFICATION

Historic Resource Name (if any) _____

Address or Street Location _____

County _____ City/Village/Hamlet _____

Original use _____ Current use _____

Architect/Builder, if known _____ Date of construction, if known _____

DESCRIPTION

Primary Building Type: Residential Commercial Industrial Religious Agricultural

Institutional Other (specify) _____

Structure: Frame Concrete Stone Brick Other _____

Roof shape: Gable Hipped Flat Other _____

Stories _____ Window Type/Material _____

Foundation/Wall/Roof Materials _____

Architectural Style _____

Additions and Alterations, if known _____

Additional Buildings / Outbuildings _____

Landscape Features / Site Description _____

Prepared by: _____ Address _____

Telephone: _____ Email _____ Date _____

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

- **History of the Resource**

Describe why you think this property is historically significant and should be considered for designation.

To be eligible for listing on the National Register, a property has to be significant under one of four criteria:

- A: Patterns of History / Historic Theme (agriculture, commerce, government, etc.)
- B: Association with an Important Person (this criterion only applies to one person, not multiple people associated with one property)
- C: Architecture (style, building type, type of construction, significant work of an architect)
- D: Archaeology

In your description, choose one or more criteria that your property is associated with and explain why it is significant in local, state, or national history. In addition, include a timeline for the history of the property which includes construction and alteration dates, dates of important events or changes in ownership, and anything else that is relevant to the history of the specific property. While a bibliography is not necessary, do explain where you have researched the property and what you have found (deeds, church records, maps, diaries, local history rooms, primary and secondary sources, etc.).

- **Photos**

Document the property proposed for nomination with clear, original photographs. Submitted views should represent the property as a whole. For buildings or structures, photographs must include both exterior and interior views and views of the property's general setting, outbuildings, and landscape features. A minimum of 20 photographs is generally appropriate. These images can be submitted as jpeg files via CD, thumb drive, or digitally; do not send printed photos. If you would prefer to share files by email or through an online file sharing service, please contact your National Register representative.

- **Sketch of Building Floor Plan and/or Site Plan (for cemeteries, historic sites, and/or properties with multiple buildings)**

Sketches do not need to be to scale, but they do need to be clear. Floor plans should illustrate the locations of primary walls, staircases, fireplaces, and door openings. Site plans should demonstrate the relationships between built and landscape resources. For example, a site plan could include a driveway, house, large yard trees, barn, and nearby creek.

- **Maps**

Attach a printed map indicating the location of the property in relation to streets, intersections or other widely recognized features. Using a tax map to indicate historic property boundaries, if possible.

- **Photocopies of Historic Photographs, Maps, other Research Materials as available**



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Commissioner

STATEMENT OF OWNER SUPPORT

Owner support is required to list a property on the National Register of Historic Places. Before an individual nomination proposal will be reviewed or nominated, the owner(s) of record must sign and date the following statement:

I, _____, am the owner of the property at
(print or type owner name)

(street number and name, city, village or town, state of nominated property)

I support its consideration and inclusion in the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

(signature and date)

(mailing address)

If you are unable to obtain owner support for this nomination, please explain why:

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