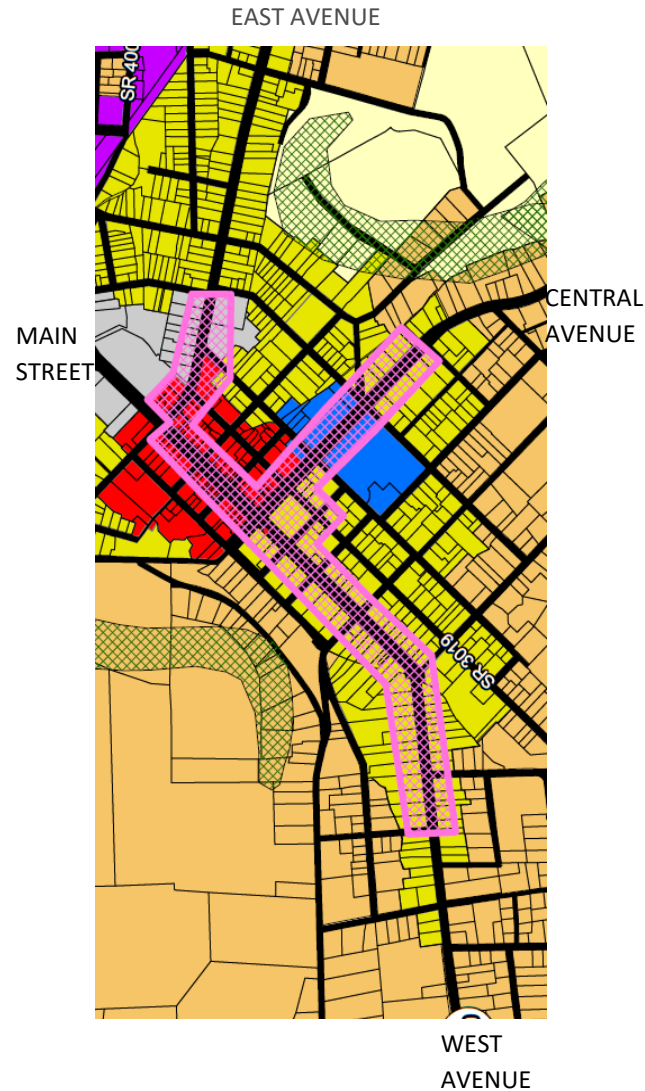


WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE HARB?

The HARB (Historical Architectural Review Board) consists of no less than seven members appointed by Borough Council for one to five –year terms. As required by State law, one member is a registered architect, one is a licensed real estate broker, one is a building inspector, and one a member of the Planning Commission. The remaining members shall have interest, knowledge, ability, experience or expertise in restoration and historic rehabilitation.



HARB BOUNDARY IS IN PINK



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Wellsboro Historic District

As an owner of property in the Wellsboro Historic District, you need to know that there are certain procedures in place to assure the continued historic quality of your property and your neighborhood. We congratulate you on your ownership of this property.

The purpose of the Historic District is to identify and protect those neighborhoods that contribute to the town's overall historic character. Improper alterations can have a negative impact on neighborhood property values. The Historic District is the town's best tool for protecting Wellsboro's rich architectural and cultural heritage.

Your Rights and Responsibilities as a property owner in the Historic District

You have the right to come to public meetings and let the HARB and Borough Council know of your plans. You have the right to receive technical advice from the HARB members regarding your proposed improvement projects.

It is your responsibility to obtain approval **BEFORE** any work is started for any **EXTERIOR** work visible from a public street, and to obtain approval for your project.

There is no application fee, however there are penalties for beginning work without approval.

Any person, property owners, occupant, firm or contractor failing to obtain a building permit or Certificate of Appropriateness pursuant to this Ordinance shall be fined the sum of \$50.00 for each day the violation is unabated.

HOW DO I GET APPROVAL FOR MY PROJECT?

Fill out an application and submit to the borough office at 14 Crafton Street or on our website at www.wellsboroborough.com. The application should be submitted to 10 days prior to the scheduled HARB meeting, with color photos of the property and existing conditions, along with samples or color drawings of materials to be used during the proposed project.

Attend the HARB meeting, where the recommendation will be made to approve or deny the proposed alterations. The recommendation is made to Borough Council, which then can issue the Certificate of Appropriateness. This certificate is required prior to applying for a building permit or starting work. The Certificate of Appropriateness is good for one year from the date of issuance.