



**TOWN OF SAUGERTIES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE May 18, 2020 MEETING**

Present: Commission Chair Stefan Yarabek, Commission Vice-Chair Susan Puret; Commission Members Alba LaFiandra, Ken Myer, Jr., Commission Alternate Jason Nelson, Town Historian Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Board Liaison Paul Andreassen, Secretary Jeremy Russell, Guest Historian Chester Hartwell

Excused: Commission Member Peigi Mulligan

(Minutes appear in chronological order. Numbering of items refer to the agenda for the meeting, which is attached)

The Commission met virtually, on the platform Zoom (zoom.us), ID #969-987-8583. The meeting was called to order by Chair Stefan Yarabek at 5:03 pm. Jason Nelson, as alternate, is a voting member.

MINUTES: Corrections were needed to be made for January 2020 and February 2020 Meeting minutes. First, the January minutes as corrected were approved, unanimously. Then the February minutes were approved unanimously. In regards to the April minutes, Susan asked for two clarifications to be made. The April 2020 minutes, with corrections, were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1) **Ramble 2020 Updates:** Stefan opened by saying that he'd read the minutes from the prior month, and had initially asked Jeremy to hold off from officially cancelling the Ramble event the HPC had planned. He said he understands the reasons for the HPC to cancel and agrees, but at the same time he was very worried about the availability of grant money in the years to come. It turned out that Greenways reported that many Ramble events were being postponed or were planned to go virtual. It was also reported that Greenways, for this grant, is extending the term of the grant to the end of 2021 as well.

Stefan felt that there may be a checkered past between Saugerties and Greenways, and that the grant application is the beginning of rebuilding a relationship that can be favorable for everyone. The awarding of the grants were expected to be held the Wednesday immediately after the HPC meeting (May 20th).

As a result of the discussion, it was decided to NOT CANCEL the HPC ramble event but to reschedule it to a time uncertain.

2) **Asbury District Updates:** Jeremy hadn't heard from Neil Larson on the current status of the progress of the District nomination. Stefan recommended moving ahead with local designation. The Commission asked Jeremy to start the process. Jeremy said he'd need some direction. Stefan asked him to double-check with Neil the

status of the contract. As a result of the HPC moving ahead with the local designation, Stefan hopes this will show a new dynamic Commission which is to the benefit of the Town.

3) Saugertieshpc.net Update: Jeremy reported he was not altogether successful taking photos on his tour of Saugerties and asked for photos for the website. Susan said she would find the photos from the Stone House Tours. Jeremy said Chester had offered his collection from his I Like Saugerties Page. Audrey claimed to have loads of photos as well.

4) Historical Markers Report Update: Jeremy had not ordered a pole from Catskill Castings because he has not been able to reach Dave Corrigan at the Kingston DOT. He explained that the pole will have to be delivered to DOT because they are responsible for installing signs on state roads. He needed confirmation that this allowable before doing so, so that it wouldn't be rejected, lost or thrown away.

5) Grant(s) Update: Jeremy reviewed the Pomeroy Foundation Grant situation: The Foundation offers several different grants for various markers. The commission was initially looking at the blue and yellow historic markers that most people know, but Jeremy suggested the HPC might want to look at the markers from: National Historic Register, a commemorative Women's Suffrage marker program, and a Legends and Lore program. Jeremy asked if Saugerties had any history associated with the Suffrage Movement. Audrey thought that Dorothy Fooks was involved. Stefan suggested it could be placed at a Town Park. Audrey will try to find out where Dorothy Fooks lived.

Jeremy mentioned that the deadline for a letter of intent for the Historical Marker program is June 8th. Jeremy asked if the Commission had decided on locations. Stefan asked if we could look at the Stone House list. Then he recommended Katsbaan Church; Audrey said there was one there already. Audrey suggested the Flatbush School. Susan asked if it would make sense to have one in front of the building known as Wynkoop House off the Thruway exit.

Stefan asked if some members could put together a list and choose some candidates. Susan volunteered, and Stefan said he'd work with Susan to generate a list. Stefan said that the Pomeroy Foundation is very generous. Historical Markers build a sense of importance for the Town.

NEW BUSINESS

2) Winston Farm Report: Jeremy reported that he'd read through all the Town Board minutes since the creation of the Historic Preservation Commission. From the looks of it, Winston Farm had been designated by the Commission, but disapproved by the Town Board. He was not sure of the status regarding Augusta Savage Rd. Jeremy had not seen a property transaction regarding the sale of the property in 2020, so he was uncertain if the sale had taken place.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1) Town Board Liaison's Report: Paul reported the Asbury District grant application resolution passed at the Town Board. Paul asked if the Ramble would be virtual. Stefan said it was yet to be determined. Everything at this point is tentative, due to Covid-19. Paul is happy that the Commission is still meeting – some Committees and Commissions haven't been able to.

2) Secretarial/Financial Report: No Money had been spent. Jeremy found prices for acid-free boxes, per a suggestion from Dennis Riley from New York State Archives. He found cheap bank boxes at an archive specialty website called Hollinger Metal Edge for \$10.80, and flat-file boxes for \$17.40. Susan asked how many should be purchased. Jeremy thought the Town could use them if the Commission ordered too many. Alba suggested getting 5 bank boxes and 3 flat file boxes.

*Alba made a motion to authorize Jeremy to purchase eight acid-free storage boxes. This was seconded by Susan. **The resolution passed 5-0, none opposed.***

Jeremy asked Alba if he could send the order to her just to make sure he wasn't ordering counterfeit acid-free boxes.

Jeremy mentioned he was keeping a to-do list and had twelve items.

3) Town Historian's Report (Other Than Ramble): Audrey reported that she has been working on transcribing more of the old Kingston Daily Freeman newspapers for hrvh.org.

NEW BUSINESS

1) What Needs to be Done and What Can We Do?: This had been addressed. Susan asked if Jeremy needed anything from the Commission. She said that everyone's available for help.

3) Other/Miscellaneous: Jeremy did the NAPC survey. He asked if anyone wanted him to forward e-mails from the historical and state entities that he receives. Susan said she would.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Alba, and seconded by Susan, to adjourn the meeting, at 5:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Russell

Secretary of the Historic Preservation Commission

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Covid19 Web-Meeting, May 18, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Agenda

Zoom info: Link – <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/9699878583>

Room ID: 969-987-8583

Call to Order

Minutes

Approval of April 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Clarification of January 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes & February 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Old Business:

1. Ramble 2020 Updates
2. Asbury District Updates
3. Saugertieshpc.net Update
4. Historical Markers Report Update
5. Grant(s) Update

Miscellaneous Business:

- 1.) Town Board Liaison's Report
- 2.) Secretarial/Financial Report
- 3.) Town Historian's Report (Other than Ramble)

New Business:

1. What needs to be done and what can we do?
2. Winston Farm Update
3. Other/Miscellaneous

Next meeting scheduled for June 15 th, 2020

Adjournment

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Financial Report 2020

Beginning Budget - \$15,000.00

2-24-20: Voucher for Secretary Pay and Conference Costs - \$940.74

Remaining budget = \$14,059.26

3-10-20: Voucher for Neil Larson, Asbury Nomination Project - \$1,500.00

Remaining budget = \$12,559.26

5-1-20: Jeremy Russell & Ken Meyer Jr. returned conference booking funds - \$592.73

Remaining budget = \$13,151.99