Historic Preservation Commission
March 16, 2015
Building Department Conference Room
Minutes

Present: Barry Benepe, Susan Puretz, Michael Sullivan Smith, Stephen Shafer.
Absent: Stefan Yarabek.
Liaison: Bill Schirmer, Town Board member.
Secretary: Audrey Klinkenberg.
Guest: Bill Reinhart.
The meeting was called to order by the chair, Barry Benepe at 7:05.

1. The minutes of November 17, 2014 and the minutes of January 19, 2015. Stephen moved that both sets of minutes be left unapproved until they have been sent out again. Michael Sullivan Smith seconded. Michael, aye; Barry, aye; Susan, aye; Stephen, aye. Unanimous.

2. Announcements:
Barry thanked Michael Sullivan Smith for the work he has been doing on the computer, which involves the animation of historical maps and pictures.

3. Certificate of Appropriateness for Anchorage Farms:
Barry apologized for not bringing a completed Certificate of Appropriateness for Stephen Shafer. That will be available at the next meeting, or earlier if necessary.

4. Certificate of Appropriateness for Van Vlierden House:
Barry needs to replace the roof on his locally designated home, the original home, he believes had cedar shingles. He could repair with a metal roof, a wood shingle roof or architectural shingles. This is tabled until the next meeting.

5. Status report of Historic House Event:
Susan reported on the changed vision for the Historic House Event which is now scheduled for October 17, 2015. This event will be held during Ulster County Cultural Heritage Week (Oct 9th to the 18th.) Since at this early time the logistics have not been solidified, the Senior Center and the Library have been reserved for that date. The event will be open to the public, but is primarily geared to the owners of homes in the Historic Survey. At this time, some themes being considered are: the tax advantages connected with owning a historic house, the how-to's of renovation, exploring the history of their property, etc.

6. Barry would like to change the meeting day to the 4th Monday of the month and to start the meeting at 5 pm.   There being no one objecting, Barry will explore this possibility.

7. Barry also brought up the proposal for the Holiday Inn, on Route 32, near the historic Wynkoop House, which has now been presented to the Planning Board. They will be holding a public hearing. While this plan does not have to come before the Historic Preservation Commission, much discussion ensued. It was suggested that tree screening on the Wynkoop side of the property should be reviewed. It was noted that the Gateway Committee will be involved in this review.

8. Stephen moved that the Historic Preservation Commission honor Bill Reinhart, for his care of the history of Saugerties, both in the past, and for the future. All agreed.

9. The Survey.
Barry asked, "What does the Commission want from the proposed new survey since SHPO has stated that the priority of the Commission should be the designation of historic properties.
Barry suggests the following as reasons to have the survey.
a) additional designations as SHPO recommended.
b) review of properties not included in the first survey.
c) production of a parcel level base map. Note: A consideration is whether the Commission want a paper based history map for use by the Commission and available for people to buy?
Comments included:
a. Bill said that when the 2005 survey was done there were 8500 parcels in the assessor's office.
b. Barry would like to see both the historic and modern roads on the new map.

There was some discussion of Neil Larson's proposal and Barry asked the Commission members to look carefully at Neil Larson's proposal especially since his proposal calls for a great deal of volunteer work.

10. Barry read a letter on the tax benefits of designation from an organization in Glendale, Ohio.

11. Bill informed Barry that his term on the Commission expires this month and unless he objects, he will be reappointed at the next Town Board meeting for four years.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Audrey Klinkenberg
Secretary