

Historic Preservation Commission  
April 15th, 2013  
Building Department Conference Room 7:00 pm  
Minutes

Present: Michael Sullivan Smith, chair, Josh Randall, Susan Puretz, Barry Benepe, Stephen Shafer

Jimmy Bruno, Liaison, Deputy Town Supervisor

Audrey Klinkenberg, secretary, Town Historian, Associate Ulster County Historian

The meeting was called to order by Michael Sullivan Smith, chairperson, at 7:08 pm.

Approval of minutes of March meeting.

A motion made by Josh and seconded by Stephen that the minutes of the meeting of March 18, 2013 be approved, with the correction of one typo. Michael, aye; Susan, aye; Stephen, aye; Barry, aye; Josh, aye. Unanimous.

Chair's report on Sachs Lodge Bridge discussion with FEMA and SHPO.

Michael distributed a copy of a letter he sent to Doug Myer on the Sachs Lodge Road and a letter dated Feb 19, 2013 to FEMA. Michael reported a generally positive interaction.

Certificate of Appropriateness application from Opus 40 for repair of collapsed wall.

The Commission has received a Certificate of Appropriateness (C of A) application from Opus 40, signed by James and Patricia Richards and dated 3/28/13. Since the damage has occurred on the site which is nationally, state, and locally designated, the C of A is appropriate. The Commission has 62 days from 3/28/13 to make a decision.

As part of the discussion, Michael distributed aerial photos of Opus 40 and a copy of an email sent 11/6/2012. Further discussion included:

Michael's desired to know if there are still-shots around the site that are available, especially of the wall which has collapsed.

Stephen said that he feels the application is not complete, but it is acceptable. The most complete application would include a way to validate the work as it is being done. Stephen stated that the Commission should ask for photos. It was noted that the Master Classes and the filming that are planned as part of the repair process should fill that request.

Susan stated that the Commission should approve the application, but should ask for ongoing photos. These photos would assist the Commission in the compilation of the guidelines on stone work.

Motion:

Stephen made the motion that the Commission approve the application, but request photos of the wall before collapse, when collapsed and that the Commission be invited to see the work as it

progresses, or send photos as the wall is repaired, after a month and bimonthly thereafter once the work begins. In conformance with the letter, the Commission understands that the wall will be repaired to make it look like the original, using the techniques of Harvey Fite. The motion was seconded by Josh Randall. Michael, aye; Susan, aye; Stephen, aye; Barry, aye; Josh, aye. Unanimous.

Discussions between Chairs of HPC and VHRB on merger (and HPC Chair's personal letter to editor).

Michael will attempt to get Mr. Frisbie to come to the next meeting.

Discussion of potential of preservation awareness evolving around Clovelea issue.

Josh stated that the building was deemed to be historically important in 2007 and it is still historically important today. Michael announced the Friends of Clovelea meeting April 18, 2013 at the Saugerties Public Library. Barry mentioned that the DEC will also be able to protect the property. Barry has made a suggestion via email to Mark Smith that the Friends of Clovelea organization be called The Friends of Historic Saugerties, which would allow the organization to look at all the historic sites throughout the community. Mark Smith is organizing this group.

CLG report. -

Michael reported that the CLG is auditing the village. Everything in the village files relating to the Village Historic Review Board has to be made available for review for the audit. There was some discussion about further delay of the Commissions overdue report.

New Business:

Barry Benepe brought up the fact that while the Wynkoop House on Rte. 32, is once again, being offered for sale, there is no mention of the historic designation in the ad. Barry asks whether the fact of the historic designation should be given to the broker (assuming the broker does not know). Discussion included the fact that the County Clerk, as well as the Town's Building Department, has a file on historically designated properties. It was noted that the assessor does not put the information on the assessment card. Susan questioned whether there is a need to have the notice of historic designation in the ad as long as the broker professionally must inform any potential purchaser.

Josh reminded us that he had spoken about putting plaques on the historically designated properties. Barry stated that the Commission does not have permission to place a plaque on any home. This topic will be further explored.

Old Business:

There is no new information on the Commission's new meeting space to be built in the Town Office Building. The Town Board has authorized the use of the space; however, part of the problem is that Mr. Chorvas needs a definitive plan to come up with a cost analysis. . Michael will resend the drawings to Greg Chorvas and a copy to Jimmy Bruno, so that a cost estimate can be obtained which will then be presented to the Town Board

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Audrey Klinkenberg

Secretary