

Town of Saugerties Historic Preservation Commission

21 March 2016 5PM

Minutes

Present: Barry Benepe, Michael Sullivan Smith, Susan Puretz, Stephen Shafer, Stefan Yarabek.

Town Board Liaison: William Schirmer

Town Historian: Audrey Klinkenberg

Secretary: Amy McClure

Meeting called to order by the chair, Barry Benepe, at 5:02 pm.

1. Minutes of February 15, 2016. Stephen moved that the minutes be approved as corrected, seconded by Michael. Barry, aye; Michael, aye; Susan, aye; Stephen, aye; Stefan, aye.
2. SHPO Application for Historic Property Update \$19,756.82. It was noted that the Commission cannot proceed unless the grant is approved. It is understood that the town of Saugerties is reimbursed for expenses.
3. SHPO Application for Networking and Training Conference \$3,347.50. It was noted that this application included monies for rental of a specific venue, which may not be approved. It will be up to the Commission to proceed accordingly, if that portion is not approved.
4. Update on Wynkoop/Holiday Inn Proposal. The planning board is close to approving the proposal with modifications.
5. Upcoming Designation Hearing on Osterhoudt House. It was decided to invite the owners to the April meeting.
6. Proposed Designation of Bristol Beach State Park. Stephen suggests that more strength is needed in the proposal.
7. Proposed History Map Elements. To be discussed in future meetings.
8. Priorities for Designation: After discussion, it was decided that Stone houses are a priority for the Commission.. The stone houses on the list that Michael created should all be designated. Susan moved and Stefan seconded "to look into the designation of all stone houses in the town of Saugerties." Michael, aye, Stephen, aye; Susan, aye; Stefan, aye. Barry, abstained. This will be explored after the SHPO audit is completed. It was moved by Stefan and seconded by Michael that the second priority be designation of Winston Farm mansion and designation of school houses in the township.

9. Other Old Business

Previous designations rejected by the Town. Stefan agreed to write a letter to SHPO, asking them to send a letter to our Town Board, stating that the local law was not followed when the Town Board rejected our designations, therefore these properties are designated as local landmarks. The properties in question are the Augusta Savage Road, Opus 40 in its entirety, and Winston Farm in its entirety.

10. New Business

a. Certified Local Government Audit. SHPO requested an audit date and Bill will follow-up with Lorraine Weiss to plan a day for the audit.

b. Election of Chair and Vice-chair. Stefan was nominated for the position of Chairman and Susan for the position of Vice-Chairman. They were unanimously elected.

c. Barry Benepe was thanked for his service as Chair for these past years.

d. Stephen Shafer was thanked for his service as a member of the Commission these past years.

d. The Catskill History Conclave is being held April 30, at the Catskill Interpretive Center. At this time, Commission members planning to attend are: Michael and Susan. Stefan may go. Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Historian will also attend.

All business completed, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p. m.

Amy McClure

Secretary.