

Town of Saugerties

Historic Preservation Commission

September 15, 2010

Minutes

Present: Josh Randall, Michael Sullivan Smith, Susan Puret, Barry Benepe, Myles Putman

Village Historic Review Board: Richard Frisbie, Susannah Satten

Ex-Officio: Audrey Klinkenberg, Saugerties Town Historian

Chairman Josh Randall called the Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 7:00.

1. Minutes of the meeting of August 16, 2010. On item number 4, the organization is The Saugerties Historical Society, not the Historic Preservation Society. On item number 5, September 15 change 7 to 7:30 pm and again in the motion, change 7 to 7:30 pm.

MOVED Susan Puret/Michael Smith to accept the minutes with corrections. Randall, aye, Smith, aye, Puret, aye, Benepe, aye.

2. Certificate of Appropriateness, Christian Myer Homestead. A request to replace the roof on the Christian Myer Homestead has been received from Phillips Electronics NA. Josh Randall did some research and found that the 30 year asphalt architectural shingle is about 1/3 the cost of cedar shakes. The dormers will have cedar shakes. Josh Randall recommends that the Commission approve the new roof. The certificate of appropriateness is on file. MOVED Barry Benepe/Susan Puret to approve their request. Randall, aye, Smith, aye, Puret, aye, Benepe, aye.

3. The Joint Public Hearing with Village Historic Review Board on Carriage Road, Esopus Bend Conservancy Nature Center began at 7:30. Josh Randall read the legal notice published on Sept 2, 2010 and Sep 9, 2010 in The Saugerties Times. Present: Mary O'Donnell and Susan Bolitzer. The Commission has received an application for designation from Susan Bolitzer, who thanked the Commission for assistance in preparing the application. Mary O'Donnell thanked the Commission for bringing this designation to the forefront. Her question was: Does the Commission take a proactive role in the working of the Esopus Creek Conservancy? The answer from the chair. "There would be no involvement by the Commission unless there was some major change which would make the road less historic." Josh stated that this is one of the first joint public hearings to designate a road in New York State. Mary O'Donnell stated that the board of the Esopus Creek Conservancy has not yet met to discuss this. Mary also asked about the criteria for the certificate of appropriateness, she asks if the Commission and the Conservancy would work together on appropriateness if some

change were planned in the future. She also asked for clarification of section 6 of the ordinance, which the Commission agreed would not apply to this instance. The carriage road falls within the Meals and Hayes Patent and the 7th class of the Kingston Commons. In these deeds the roads are indicated as being 12 feet wide expected to stay that way in perpetuity. Another question is: What exactly will be designated? Answer: The road follows the village – town line. The next board meeting of the Esopus Creek Conservancy will be held in November, 2010. Josh Randall stated that we can continue the public hearing at a future time, convening a meeting to make the decision the designate after the continuation.

Barry Benepe discussed several maps from 1825 to the present. Many of the maps show the road which the Commission wishes to designate. MOVED Frisbie/Puretz to continue the public meeting on October 18, 2010 at 6:30 pm. Randall, aye, Smith, aye, Puretz, aye, Benepe, aye, Frisbie, aye; Satten, aye; Putman, aye.

Richard Frisbie stated that the Town Board should be applauded for having the vision and the wisdom to appoint the members of the Historic Preservation Commission.

4. Discussion Post Public Hearing on Testimony and/or Vote on the Designation. The Public Hearing will be continued on October 18, 2010.
5. Old Business. The executed contract from the State Historic Preservation Office for the grant we applied for is in the mail to Greg Helsmoortel.

The Commission will be able to do one volume with Guidelines for Historic Preservation.

Susan Puretz asked whether we could get a grant from Furthermore, a private organization to continue the work. Discussion ensued without a decision.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of West Camp, NY, sent an acknowledgment for the donation made by the Historic Preservation Commission in thanks for their participation in the Stone House Tour. The thank you will be preserved in the records of the secretary.

6. New Business. The Person House owned by the Tamayo family is on the market as of August 19, 2010. This house appears in the 2006 survey of historic places for Saugerties and has 10 acres.

The Peter I. Winnie house is also on the market and appears in the same survey.

7. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Audrey Klinckenberg
Secretary