

Historic Preservation Commission
March 16, 2009
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:13 pm

Present: Barry Benepe, chair, Michael Sullivan Smith, Myles Putman, Susan Puretz, Leeanne Thornton, Josh Randall.

Ex-Officio Member – Audrey Klinkenberg, town historian.

1. **The minutes of the February 16, 2009 meeting.** Josh made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Michael. Barry: aye, Michael: aye, Myles: aye, Susan: aye.

2. **Update on Stone House Tour.** Susan offers thanks to all who are helping with the tour. Michael has made the tickets and showed an example. Myles is working on the map. Susan and the committee will be visiting each home for parking issues, and etc. Susan has put together a summary of the Committee meetings. Publicity – Ulster County Tourism. Website, Calendar, Mailing. Ulster County Tourism will mail anything we want. Josh moves that we pay for printing and folding of the stone house advertising brochure/tri fold, seconded by Myles Putman. Barry: aye, Michael: aye, Myles: aye, Susan: aye.

It is suggested that the Horsing Around Saugerties group may be interested in using the second side of the advertising brochure. Susan Puretz will be in touch with Nancy Campbell about the possibility. Myles presented the paper titled Stone House Tour 2009. Renata is working on the historic descriptions of the homes.

Leeanne suggests that it might be possible to do some advertising for the Stone House Tour on the first Saturday in May on TV 23. She will check with Anastasia.

3. **Update on proposed Blue Mountain Crossroads Historic District.**

Barry heard from Marie Post who wishes to be kept informed. Josh has attempted to get in touch with other persons whose names were given to him by the pastor of the Blue Mt. Reformed Church, but has not heard back from them. We need to continue to gather data and promote interest from persons living in the area. Barry has photographed most of the area. A map has been prepared. Jeremy Kane, town planner, should be able to access the aerial maps of the area. A history of the property and district has to be written. Barry has asked Michael to do so. Michael mentioned that there are many hamlets within the Town of Saugerties, Veteran, Fish Creek, High Woods, each worthy of Historic District designation.

4. Report on the meeting with Joe and Jeannette Sauer re possible designation of their barns adjacent to the Cockburn/Snyder house.

No meeting was held on this issue. This will be addressed again after tax time. Audrey and Susan had an interview with Joseph Sauer with the topic being local history.

5. Setting of the public hearing date for Niger and Old Carriage Roads.

Michael believes that

The town has decommissioned this road and therefore no longer maintains it. The road, however, is a right of way for passage. Barry has documentation regarding the length of the road. Barry will prepare a description of the road. Michael will assist in naming the lots as mentioned in the deeds of The Kingston Commons.

6. Report on deteriorating condition of Jeremiah Russell Turnpike House.

Barry showed pictures of this house, which demonstrates the deterioration of the home. Barry believes that the house will collapse soon. Barry would like to renumber the stones around the door and window sections of the building so that it can be reassembled. The stones are "face stones".. Should we try to re erect the door and window somewhere else? *Michael felt that a buyer could be found who would restore the house or portions of it onsite.* Michael suggests that the outside be cleaned up. The property is owned by the Keegan family. Leeanne suggests that the scouts or some other group may be interested in working on the house as a public service project.

This house has been designated as a local historic landmark already by this Commission.

Barry will get some paint to mark the stones. *with a lot first obtaining the owner's permission*

7. Report on Certified Local Government Status. Leeanne e-mailed Julian Adams asking whether he had a copy of the current law and mentioned that the new law is on the Town of Saugerties web site. She requested that the status be moved forward and has not had a reply. Michael stated that the web site has not been adequately updated.

8. Set inspection procedure for designated properties.

Tabled until the next meeting.

9. Other Old Business.

Barry distributed a copy of the letter to be sent to the Town of Saugerties Town Board regarding the Winston Farm, signed by chairs of four organizations within the town. The letter requests that the groups be involved in the planning the future of the Winston Farm. The groups are the Conservation Advisory Committee, Esopus Creek Conservancy, Comprehensive Planning Committee and the Historic Preservation Commission.

Josh Randall believes that since the law has been changed, the proposal for historic designation of the property should be re addressed.

10. New Business.

Josh moves that Audrey be made the official secretary of the Historic Preservation Commission. Myles Putman seconded. Barry: aye, Michael: aye, Myles: aye, Susan: aye.

Election of Officers.

We adopted rules and regulations for election in the past stating that elections take place yearly in March .

Chairman – Michael Smith nominated Josh Randall, who has declined.
Barry Benepe

Vice Chairman – Josh Randall will continue

Moved by Myles and seconded by Susan Puretz
Barry: aye, Michael: aye, Myles: aye, Susan: aye.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 pm

Audrey Klinkenberg
Secretary

Remember Barclay's State Historic Marker
State Education Department