

Historic Preservation Commission
Monday, March 21, 2011
Building Department Conference Room

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

Ex Officio: Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Historian

Liaison: Jimmy Bruno, Town Councilperson

Guest: Marjorie Block, President of the Saugerties Historical Society and Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Josh Randall at 7:05 pm

1. Approval of February 21, 2011 minutes. Moved and seconded: Puretz/Smith to approve the minutes as written. Josh, aye; Susan, aye; Michael, aye; Myles, aye; Barry, aye. Unanimous approval.

2. Discussion with Marjorie Block, regarding the bicentennial celebration. Marjorie would like to have an exhibit at the Kiersted House in August, after Old Timers Day on August 6th, or in September, centered around the maps of Saugerties, showing how the town has evolved and been influenced by the people and businesses in Saugerties. She would like to have the Village Review Board, the Historic Preservation Commission and the Saugerties Historical Society work together. Michael Sullivan Smith showed some of his maps via Power Point. Susan asked how long the exhibit would run, answer 5 weeks. The Society is open for about 4 hours on Saturday and Sunday during the summer. Marge is interested in having maps hanging on the wall. Susan asked Michael if he would be available during the exhibit to supplement the map exhibit with his powerpoint presentation.. He stated that his maps could be printed out. Marjorie has every document in the Kiersted Collection which is located in the New York State Archives. Barry would like to see an inventory of the maps and asked if the maps will be of the same scale. The response was that the maps would not be of the same scale. Marjorie would mount the maps on foam board, through Staples. Josh suggested that timeline maps, ie. early and then later maps be used to show the changes. Marjorie thought that another option would be to have both the wall maps and a power point presentation by Michael.

3. Update on Stone House Tour— The houses have been selected. Publicity has started. A volunteer worked with Susan to produce publicity releases. The committee decided to distribute post cards, many of which will be sent out by the Ulster County Tourism Bureau. Michael Sullivan Smith was asked to design the postcard and agreed to do so. In addition it was decided that internet coverage would be necessary. A friend will be creating the web site, Susan got domain names, and a host site. She bought three domain names from "Go Daddy.com" for 2 years as a result of Ed Doyle suggestion that we maximize exposure by having two domain names. Susan bought the names Historic House Tour.com, Historic Saugerties Stone Houses.info and Preserve Saugerties.info. We are also on the town of Saugerties website. Mark Smith has agreed to work on the tour booklet. The Committee held a site visit on March 20th of two of the houses.

Barry showed a map of “A tract of land on the Katterskill belonging to Hezekiah Wynkoop” ,” that he obtained from the owner of one of the tour houses. He will have copies made and then a volunteer will make a mylar copy of the map.

Susan said that at the site visit, Barry spoke by phone with Anthony DiGuiseppe, the owner, who said that it would be all right to have a sign disclaiming the HPC’s role in the sale he will be conducting. The sign will say that no financial benefit to the Historic Preservation Commission will be derived from the sale which is to be held in the barn on the day of the House Tour. The sign was made as a result of input from John Greco, town attorney.

4. Update on Guidelines Pamphlet. Michael reported that the booklet has been put together and then showed, via power point, what he has done. He is still not satisfied with the layout. Michael has a deadline for printing in October. The cost of printing will be paid through the HPC budget line. The grant money will go into the general funds of the town and village to the best of our knowledge.

5. Election of Officers for 2011—2012: On March 16th 2011 the Town Board appointed Josh Randall to the HPC for a period of 4 years. Josh entertained motions for nominations. Susan nominated Josh Randall as chairman and Michael Sullivan Smith as vice chairman. Seconded by Barry. No discussion. No further nominations. Josh called for the vote. Josh, aye; Susan, aye; Michael, aye; Myles, aye; Barry, aye. Unanimous approval.

6. Discussion of possible designations: The monolith, at Harvey Fite’s Opus 40, is the only portion which is designated according to Josh. The record shows that lot 10 was designated, 14.1 acres in total. Josh asked for a motion to designate the other 4 parcels of land that comprise the Harvey Fite site. Three lots are owned by Opus 40, Inc. one by Tad Richards and one still deeded to Harvey Fite. Barry motioned that the Commission designate 4 additional parcels, seconded by Michael Sullivan Smith. The section, block lot numbers are: 28.1-2-2 and 28.1-5-2 and 28.1-5-10 and 28.1-5-9. Josh, aye; Susan, aye; Michael, aye; Myles, aye; Barry, aye. Unanimous approval.

7. Old Business: Barry distributed guidelines for the Certificate of Appropriateness. There was no discussion.

8. New Business: Josh distributed a tri-fold mock up for the Town of Saugerties Historic Preservation Commission. Josh seeks input and is willing to work on this. Most of the information is already in the computer. Susan Poretz moved that we encourage Josh to continue working on the creation of tri-fold brochures. Seconded by Myles Putman. Josh, aye; Susan, aye; Michael, aye; Myles, aye; Barry, aye. Unanimous approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Audrey Klinkenberg
Secretary