

Historic Preservation Commission  
Town of Saugerties  
April 19, 2010  
Minutes

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

Ex-Officio: Audrey Klinkenberg

Liaison: Jimmy Bruno

Meeting called to order by the chair Josh Randall at 7:10 pm

1. Minutes of March 15, 2010. Correction in item 4, delete "is on the Registry" and add "was designated on Dec 27, 2004. The lot number should be 28.1-5-10 not 28.4-5-10. Correction in item 3, There were no comments by the Town Board in their disapproval about the findings of the Commission." Sentence changed from one in the minutes. Susan moved to accept the minutes as amended, Seconded by Michael. Josh, aye; Michael, aye; Susan, aye; Myles, aye; Barry, aye.

2. Discussion of OPRHP letter and action to be taken. The letter states that it is normal to resubmit the designation request after any correction has been made. The Commission has not been informed that any correction is needed. Josh Randall stated that the original designation of Winston Farm was disapproved "without prejudice", which allowed for a resubmission. The original submission for the entire Winston Farm was under the 2004 Town Historic Preservation Ordinance. This submission for the connector trail between Augusta Savage Road and Buffalo Road was under the new Town Historic Preservation Ordinance of 2008. Susan made a motion that the Historic Preservation Commission accept the offer made by Julian Adams in his letter of April 6, 2010, to act as a facilitator in a meeting between the Town Board and the Historic Preservation Commission. Seconded by Barry Benepe. Josh, aye; Michael, aye; Susan, aye; Myles, aye; Barry, aye. Motion carried.

Barry also asked for a meeting between Mr. Schaller's consultant and the Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. Schaller would have to ask the consultant to meet with us. Barry was given the impression that the real reason that the Town Board disapproved the designation was that the owners did not want it. No action was taken on the request

3. Discussion of CLG Status (handout) -- (Introduction to the New York State Certified Local Government Program .) On file. Copies were received by all members of the Commission.

**IMPORTANT CLARIFICATION:** On page 4, under the Summary of the Certified Local Government Program Framework the statement is made that owner consent for designation is not allowed with the CLG programs.

4. Consideration of Christian Myer and Cole houses for designation.

Josh asked whether the Commission wished to pursue these homes for designation. Audrey spoke with Vi Cole, former resident of the Christian Myer House, who stated that to her knowledge the house was never moved. Vi stated that, before she moved away 14 years ago, she gave her research on the house to the Saugerties Historical Society via Karlyn Elia.

Barry moved that the Commission go ahead on the designation of the Christian Myer stone house on Old King's Highway. Seconded by Susan Poretz. Josh, aye; Michael, aye; Susan, aye; Myles, aye; Barry, aye. Michael Sullivan Smith will write a summary of the history of the property. Barry Benepe moved that the Commission proceed with the designation of the Cole House. Seconded by Susan Poretz. Josh, aye; Michael, aye; Susan, aye; Myles, aye; Barry, aye. This is the Grant Cole house on Blue Mountain Road at the intersection of Route 32. Barry will undertake to write a summary of the history of this property.

5. Stone house tour update and discussion re: proceeds.

Susan distributed a handout labeled Solicitation summary, 2010, dated 4/19/2010, on file. This is a listing of the houses that were asked to participate in the tour with the listing of the actual tour homes to be visited on page 2. These homes are kept secret until the day of the tour. Also included is a Progress Report to HPC from the Stone House Committee, Susan made a motion that the money raised from the Stone House Tour be made be available to be used to fund other Commission activities and, if necessary, to fulfill potential grant requirements for matching funds. Further, it is respectfully requested that the money raised from the Stone House Tour be entered as a separate line item in the Town's Budget and not be a part of the town allocation for the Historic Preservation Commission. Seconded by Barry Benepe. Josh, aye; Michael, aye; Susan, aye; Myles, aye; Barry, aye.

6. Discussion of Designated Property Reports (sample) All Commission members received a copy. Handout on file This form was taken from the New York State form for Historic Preservation and will be used for designation properties.

7. Priorities for 2010 (alliances, cooperation's, etc.) The Commission ought to make a concerted effort to start opening lines of communication with the Preservation League and the Village of Saugerties Historic Review Board. Josh gave out a listing of homes in the City of Kingston which are on the state, national or local registry. All members received a copy. On file.

8. Michael commented on the Opus 40 Progress Report dated Apr 14, 2010, and written by Vernon Benjamin. All members received a copy. On file.

9. Old Business: Two months ago Jimmy Bruno gave us a budget report from the town. At that time Josh Randall asked for an accounting of the 2009 budget, including what the money was used for. There is no mention of the two payments from State Historic Preservation Office of \$500.00 for the Stone House Tour. One of the payments was made in 2009 and the second was made in 2010. When the check for 2010 was given to Eileen Pistoic, it was specified that the money was for the Historic Preservation Commission.

10. New Business none

Barry Benepe moved for adjournment at 9:00.  
Audrey Klinkenberg, secretary