

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Town of Saugerties was held on 15 September 2008.

Present: Barry Benepe; Josh Randall; Audrey Klinkenberg; Susan Puretz; Myles Putman; Michael Sullivan Smith; LeeAnne Thornton and Kate Kane, Secretary.

Additional Attendees: Victor and Sue Sachar

Barry opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

1. **Minutes of August 25, 2008:** Following review and discussion, Josh made a motion to accept the minutes. Michael seconded. Josh: aye; Susan: aye; Barry: aye, Myles: aye, Audrey: aye. Motion passed.
2. **Letter to SHPPO / Ruth Pierpont:** Barry gave Commission members a copy of a letter dated 11 September 2008 that was sent on behalf of the Commission to Ruth L. Pierpont, Director of the Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau with NYSOPRHP. The letter supports placing the Andrew Carnegie Public Library (located at 91 Washington Avenue in the Village of Saugerties) on the National and State Registers of Historic Places.
3. **Blue Mountain Historic District:** Barry suggested using the name "Fawns" for the Blue Mountain Church / Blue Mountain Historic District. He then asked Commission members if anyone had suggestions as to what structures or areas should be included if a Blue Mountain Historic District were proposed. Josh asked whether real data property sheets are needed for this area. Michael said that he didn't think that information was necessary. Following arrival of Victor Sachar, the topic was suspended to return to it following discussion of the possible designation of the Sachar property.
4. **Victor and Sue Sachar Property:** Barry introduced Victor Sachar, owner of a property located at the southern end of Churchland Road which he purchased from Joe and Janette Sauer. The Sachars are interested in seeking historic designation for their house. Victor explained that the property was once owned by a John Fast (also known as Johann Fast per legal documents). Victor passed around photos of the property including one of a keystone located at the doorway with the inscription, "1742". He said that, despite being brick, he felt that the house could be that old. He added that the brick could have been brought from other locations or made on-site (since the local brickworks had not begun to operate at that time). Victor said that he had done many updates on the house, including refinishing floors and adding a porch (in 1986). Barry requested that Victor look for additional photos that were dated 1985 or earlier – as many of the renovations happened in 1986. Victor said that he wasn't sure why some of the windows at the upper level were bricked over. Barry said that

made a motion to request a \$20,000 budget from the Town. Myles seconded. Susan: aye, Audrey: aye, Barry: aye, Michael: aye. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Old Business: Barry said that the Commission should review term expirations for its members. All terms are five years in duration. It was determined that Barry's term began 3/19/07, Josh's also began 3/19/07, Susan's began 2/26/07 with her replacement of S. Wolker, Michael's began 3/1/07, Myles' began 3/30/07 but that his first meeting was 6/18/07 since he had replaced Bill Trumpbour. Audrey serves at the pleasure of the board.

Barry said that a list of all of the Commission's actions was needed for the next meeting.

9. New Business: Michael said that John Stagemeyer had approached him regarding organizing their neighborhood to form a district for Fish Creek Road and quarry properties. Michael asked if the Commission should invite John to a meeting to discuss organizing a district in that area. Barry said that that would be a good idea.

Leeanne reminded Commission members that the CAC "Open Space" meeting would be held next Monday at 6:30pm. Josh said that Melissa Barry was an excellent consultant to the Town.

Josh made a motion to adjourn. Myles seconded. All unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

The next Commission meeting will be held at 7 o'clock in the Town of Saugerties' Building Department Conference Room Monday, October 20, 2008.

Kate Kane