

Special Meeting of
The Historic Preservation Commission
The Building Department Conference Room
January 13, 2014
7:00 pm

Present: Michael Sullivan Smith, Stephen Shafer, Susan Poretz, Josh Randall.

Excused: Barry Benepe.

Liaison to Town Board: Bill Schirmer.

Town Board: Jimmy Bruno.

Secretary: Audrey M. Klinkenberg, Town Historian, Deputy County Historian.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Josh Randall, vice chairman.

The newspaper notice for the special meeting was read to the group. The topic of the meeting will be prior and future CLG grants.

A print-out of the chronology of the 2009 CLG Grant to produce "Guidelines" was distributed to the group by Josh Randall who had obtained a copy of that grant application. The agreement for this grant was signed Aug 26, 2010 by the supervisor, Greg Helmsmoortel. Josh noted that the final approval for the 2009 grant was distributed some time ago to the Commission and it had been modified (with concurrence from us and Albany) from the original application.

Josh believes that the "Guidelines" as proposed in the 2009 grant should be completed as promised. The remaining portions of the "Guidelines" still to be done are the photographs of the village, and what the Commission is calling "the Opus 40 section".

Josh feels that the only expenditure for a proposed new grant will be the tri-folds which will announce the "Guidelines", and will be distributed through the Saugerties Times and the Saugerties Post Star. This will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,500.

During discussion, it was concluded that Michael has a great deal of material on the section that needs to be completed ("the Opus 40 section"). The Opus 40 section, will be the section on areas that are not residences, i.e. public roads, parks, stone walls, ruins, etc., and is a section which could be quite large. Michael Sullivan Smith believes there should be guidelines for each type of public space, parks, cemeteries, especially since the new CLG draft ordinance covers sites as well as buildings.

Josh reiterated that the "Guidelines" as they were initially set up ought to be completed and he will furnish 50 bound copies to be distributed between the town, village, school, etc. Susan asked whether the grant could include additional money to compensate Michael for his time. Unfortunately, the answer was that the new CLG draft ordinance says that members of the board cannot be salaried through grants. Fortunately, Michael stated that it will be easy to illustrate the "Opus 40 section" The maps he is working with at Dan Lamb's will be very helpful.

Michael thinks that Josh should do the very last chapter on how to apply for designation, what HPC is, etc., an integral part, explaining what the guidelines are about and why they were put into place. Josh agreed to do this portion.

Susan asked about photography. Michael stated that photography is not his forte and his camera was not a high class instrument. Michael stated that Richard Frisbie has the ability to take good pictures and Michael feels that the village should be responsible for taking the pictures of village buildings.

In explanation to Bill Schirmer, Michael explained that the Guidelines were meant to help persons 'spruce' up their homes within historical parameters by providing them with detailed information.

Josh would like to see the guidelines completed and approved by the Commission soon. It is the opinion of both Susan and Josh that the grant proposal can be finished by members of the Commission and Josh volunteered to do so. The grant paper will be completed and ready for the Town Board meeting on January 22, 2014 and will be given to Bill Schirmer at the next regular Commission meeting on January 20, 2014.

Josh moved that the Commission approve the submission of a grant to CLG for the 2014 funding cycle, amount to be determined, for the completion of the town and village's 2009 grant for a Saugerties Historic Guidelines Handbook ("Honoring the Past and Looking to the Future: Guidelines for Identification and Preservation in Saugerties. New York." Seconded by Susan Puretz. Josh, aye; Susan, aye; Stephen, aye; Michael, aye. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm
Audrey M. Klinkenberg