



**TOWN OF SAUGERTIES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE June 15, 2020 MEETING**

Present: Commission Vice-Chair Susan Puret; Commission Members Alba LaFiandra, Ken Myer, Jr., Commission Alternate Jason Nelson, Town Historian Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Board Liaison Paul Andreassen, Secretary Jeremy Russell

Excused: Commission Chair Stefan Yarabek, Commission Member Peigi Mulligan

(Minutes appear in chronological order. Numbering of items refer to the agenda for the meeting, which is attached)

The Commission met virtually, on the platform Zoom (zoom.us), ID #969-987-8583. Chair Stefan Yarabek tried to call in, but the software was not complying. Vice-chair Susan Puret chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm. Jason Nelson, alternate, acted as a voting member.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Alba LaFiandra, and seconded by Ken Myer, Jr., to accept the minutes of May 18, 2020. The motion was passed unanimously, 4-0, none opposed.

Because of Stefan's absence, Susan changed the order of the agenda in the hopes Stefan would return.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1) **Town Board Liaison's Report:** Paul had nothing to report. Susan asked if the Garlic Festival had been cancelled. Paul had no definitive answer. He wasn't sure about July 4th, high school graduation, or schools reopening. Jeremy asked if there were plans for regular Town Board meetings to remain on WebEx or if they would go live. Paul said nothing has changed, and the next meeting was planned to be on WebEx. Susan mentioned that Lifespring's Annual Meeting will be presented as a Webinar, and that the Town may want to look into presenting in that fashion. Paul mentioned that Mike MacIsaac, a former Town Board member, tried to have the meetings presented digitally as soon as his term started. He mentions that the Planning Board also has this capability.

2) **Secretarial/Financial Report:** Jeremy had put in a voucher for \$402.18 which was for work from between February to early June. Contained on this voucher was approximately \$61 for acid-free boxes and approximately \$12 for a notebook and paper – things purchased for the Commission. Jeremy ran out to show the commission the boxes that had been received, and Alba thought they were good as advertised. He thought Hollinger Metal Edge is likely a good supplier.

3) Town Historian's Report (Other than Ramble): Audrey has been working a lot on transcribing historical newspaper articles, and has received a number of queries concerning matters in Ulster County, but not inside Saugerties. Jeremy mentioned that Audrey is close to 600,000 corrections on the newspaper website, hrvh.org.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Ramble 2020 – VICTORY: Map Update & Selection: Audrey announced that Greenways cancelled the entire Ramble program in 2020. Jeremy had learned that the Town had won a \$4,000 grant through Hudson River Valley National Heritage program to develop a map of its cultural resources. This map could be used as part of our next year's Ramble participation. Jeremy will be applying for a grant through Greenways, which has two more 2020 deadlines, the next being in September.

[There was a brief internet outage, putting the meeting on pause for two minutes]

Jeremy asked Audrey if he should formally contact all the people/programs that had expressed interest or written letters on behalf of the Preservation Commission & Historian to inform them of the decision by the HPC and Greenways. Audrey mentioned a number of organizations that were bound to be involved, and gave Jeremy the green light to inform those contacts.

2) Asbury District – VICTORY: Select Consultant: Jeremy announced that the CLG grant for the nomination of the district for approximately \$4,900 was awarded to the HPC. Jeremy had received an e-mail from Neil Larson indicating that he had moved, Jill Fischer, his wife, had retired, and that he would continue providing services to New York and Massachusetts, and has connected with Marissa Marvelli of Kingston. She will be acting as a liaison or partner to Neil Larson. She was previously a member of the Kingston Historic Preservation Commission/District program.

Susan asked if we were locked in the second part of the contract with Neil Larson. Jeremy said that the grant required having a certified or licensed preservation consultant doing the second leg of the work of the nomination. On the other hand, if Jeremy did do it, the total costs might be close to even. However, Jeremy admitted not being very confident in being able to do the work. Susan remarked that the work likely consists of writing historic property descriptions of each parcel within the district. Jeremy said he's ok with history of property, but not architecture.

Susan wondered whether the work required now for the district differs from the work done through the historic resources survey conducted in 2004-05. Audrey mentioned that Peigi has been researching history of the some of the properties. Susan recommended discussing further with Neil, and waiting to vote on hiring the consultant until the process was known.

(Item 3 was skipped)

4) Historical Markers Report Update – Application Sent Including Village Sites: Jeremy had attempted to meet the Pomeroy Foundation deadline by submitting historical marker applications for eight different spots in the Town and Village of Saugerties. Because of the tight deadline, he'd decided on some of the sites based on

spacing from currently existing markers. Jeremy tried to provide a full listing of historical markers within the limits of the Town and Village by e-mail earlier in the month.

Jeremy asked Village Historian Marjorie Block if it was ok to submit on behalf of the Village, and they moved forward with that. There were eight total submissions:

Town

1. Snyder Farm
2. Winston Farm
3. Augusta Savage House
4. Brainard House

Village

5. Cantine Paper Mill
6. Old Paper Mill Ruins near Arm-of-the-Sea site
7. Roger Donlon House
8. Dillonhurst

Jeremy had learned that the Winston Farm and Augusta Savage House markers had been declined, because the Pomeroy Foundation required sites that existed before 1920.

Audrey asked if a submission was made for Roger Donlon's house. Jeremy replied affirmatively. Audrey asked if Marjorie Block was aware, and Jeremy said yes. Susan asked why the Commission had made a submission in the Village, and Jeremy explained that he contacted Marjorie and asked whether it was ok if he made the submission on the Village's behalf - because the number of markers a municipality can apply for is cut off at five, and the Donlon House was the origination of the pursuit of these markers, he felt beholden to apply, if given permission, for the Donlon House marker.

Susan asked if there were any objections to Jeremy acting independently on this issue Jeremy wanted to acknowledge he went beyond what he should be doing and asked the Commission for forgiveness. Susan thought the Commission was in a weird position with COVID-19, and coordination could get better. It was thought Jeremy had been wandering in the wilderness, so to speak, but ultimately, the Commission had his back.

Alba asked if there was a possibility of adding nominees to replace the two markers that were denied. Jeremy thought that although the deadline had passed, that the software was still allowing submissions. Alba asked if it had to be a building or if it could be a site. Jeremy said it has to merely be a site that explains something historically significant at one time, as in "Something took place here." A building does not have to be standing for the recognition. Alba suggested the Glenierie Falls lead paint factory site which would likely represent the southernmost part of Saugerties. Audrey called it Colonel Clark's factory. It was mentioned that there were "Do not Trespass" signs. Jeremy will try to add that marker.

Susan will try to find an e-mail to see what she was referring to referencing #20 & #28. Alba believed it was latitude and longitude numbers. Susan suggested going over lists and coming up with rank ordering lists of sites for historical markers.

3) Saugertieshpc.net website – Jeremy still hasn't set it up and hoped to do so while on his vacation. He said there were great pictures in stone house tour booklets that could be used.

5) Grant(s) Update: This had been covered previously.

6) Winston Farm Update: Barry had e-mailed the Commission and suggested that Winston Farm is unequivocally designated. Jeremy thought that presented a problem, in that the Commission may consider it designated, but the Town or other departments (Assessor's Office, Building Department) may not. He had e-mailed Linda Mackey, at the State Historic Preservation Office, for clarification, but had not yet received word.

Susan asked if the sale of Winston Farm was still pending. Paul thought it was still in the works but not finalized. He hadn't heard anything new on the subject. Susan was bothered that the real estate agent probably doesn't know of this designation. Paul mentioned having spoken to the potential owners, and encouraged them to speak to the Commission. He relayed that they didn't really have plans for the property when they spoke. Paul said that the potential owners have the right to develop the land, with conditions, and that the Commission is not involved taking any property. Susan thought the Commission proved they were amenable to development through the actions taken along with the building of the hotel near the Wynkoop House site.

Jeremy asked about the aquifer that was underneath the Winston Farm property, as it seemed that was the most hindering aspect of development. Paul mentioned the aquifer is supplying drinking water, but land can still be developed. Susan mentioned it might be worth talking to Winston Farm Alliance's attorney Lanny Walter about the aquifer and the hydrology of the area since it was documented during the Alliance's legal fight against a landfill/dump.

NEW BUSINESS

1) What needs to be done and what can we do?: This had been addressed previously.

2) Other/Miscellaneous: Jeremy asked if we should have a meeting in July, as Stefan had posed that earlier. Susan thought it would be helpful. There was no objection to this – it was planned to be July 20, 2020, via Zoom.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Alba, and seconded by Jason, to adjourn the meeting, at 6:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Russell

Secretary of the Historic Preservation Commission

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Covid19 Web-Meeting, June 15, 2020 at 5:00 pm Agenda

Zoom info: Link – <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/9699878583>

Room ID: 969-987-8583

Call to Order

Minutes:

1. Approval of May 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Old Business:

1. Ramble 2020 – VICTORY: Map Update & Selection
2. Asbury District – VICTORY: Select Consultant
3. Saugertieshpc.net Update
4. Historical Markers Report Update: Application Sent Including Village Sites
5. Grant(s) Update
6. Winston Farm Update

Miscellaneous Business:

- 1.) Town Board Liaison's Report
- 2.) Secretarial/Financial Report
- 3.) Town Historian's Report (Other than Ramble)

New Business:

1. What needs to be done and what can we do?
2. Other/Miscellaneous

Next meeting scheduled for ?????

Adjournment

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Financial Report 2020

Beginning Budget - \$15,000.00

2-24-20: Voucher for Secretary Pay and Conference Costs - \$940.74

Remaining budget = \$14,059.26

3-10-20: Voucher for Neil Larson, Asbury Nomination Project - \$1,500.00

Remaining budget = \$12,559.26

5-1-20: Jeremy Russell & Ken Meyer Jr. returned conference booking funds - \$592.73

Remaining budget = \$13,151.99

6-5-20: Voucher for 2 bundles of paper and 1 notebook - \$12.77

6-5-20: Voucher for 3 acid-free flat file boxes, Hollinger Metal Edge (online) - \$66.91

6-5-20: Voucher for Secretary pay, February through Beginning June - \$322.50

Remaining budget = \$12,749.81