

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Town of Saugerties was held July 25, 2005.

Present: Barry Benepe, Josh Randall, Michael Sullivan Smith, William H. Trumpbour, Susan Walker, Leanne Thornton

Additional Attendees: Eliner Trumpbour, Heather Plonchak (*Post Star*)

Barry opened the meeting. Ellie brought copies for commission members of newspaper articles about Byrnes Corners that Jeannine Ricketson had brought to the June meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting of June 27, 2005, were read and adopted with minor corrections

Barry said he had spoken to the Preservation league about the Training Manual. He also read some partial notes about the Kiersted House, written in the past, that Nick Steyer gave him.

History Day

Barry reminded everyone that History Day is October ²⁹~~22~~. He may arrange to have a stone wall builder (Aldo Lavaggi) do a demo. Josh asked who had done the stone walls for the Mediterranean Kitchen; a discussion followed about other stone builders. Michael said he has a computer with a big screen and will put maps on as pdf files.

Winston Farm

Michael said that he had no other information about Winston Farm beyond what he wrote in his email of May 22. He reported that he ran into someone with photographs of Winston Farm during the 1930s. Heather Plonchak suggested that Michael ask Mike Campbell for the name of the person who has the photos. Michael also found an 1890 map with Niger Road as a major road to Platte Clove on the Catskill Archives Internet site. He also has met someone whose family once rented a house on Niger Rd. - ?
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Barry said the Ulster County Historical Society ^{has} ~~may have~~ an 1827 map of Saugerties (made for Barclay); Michael said that there are copies around. He said that he has one where? that Alex Wade gave him. There is an 1850s map of the Village in the library.

Michael asked how much quarrying happened between Quarryville and Centerville; if it were substantial, that would make Niger Rd. a more important route.

Barry said there was an old cemetery of the Winston Farm property; Bill and Michael said they'd heard there were two.

Michael asked what the commission was going to consider designating; Barry answered, the whole farm. Michael said he was trying to determine the original route of the

turnpike; can we find the original crossing of the Beaver Kill? He said if you follow the level grade on the Snyder sledding hill, it's probably the original route. Everything was changed by the Thruway construction. There was extensive discussion of a likely early 18th-century road through Winston Farm, then owned by Tobias Wynkoop, that probably crossed a ford over the Beaver Kill in the vicinity of Mowers Mill Road and then passed to the west of the Tobias Wynkoop house.

Barry said that before advertising for a hearing on the designation of the Winston Farm, he would like the commission to consider including the Snyder farm with the Winston farm. A road goes from the Snyder farm through the Winston farm to Rt. 212. The Snyders are thinking about it.

Josh asked if anything had been heard from the Schallers' attorneys. There has been no word. [Susan passed out copies of a phone conversation with Nicholas Robinson of Pace University law school; in the conversation, Prof. Robinson listed several ways commission members could get on the Winston Farm property without the owner's permission.]

Barry started the discussion regarding advertising for a public hearing on designating Winston Farm. He asked Josh if he would ask Leona Wynkoop (widow of Ed Wynkoop) if she'd loan the commission her postcards. Barry read from the environmental study done for Woodstock '94, which took information from the Winston Farm Alliance material; there is a reference to the archeological sensitivity of the property, that there was a "high probability of prehistoric use."

Josh mentioned the aquifer protection overlay maps as a form of protection that would limit the kind of development that can take place. Barry explained that the issue would be the amount of impermeable surfaces (roofs, driveways, roads, parking lots, etc.). Michael pointed out that the Beaver Kill has *consistent* feeding—that's why early settlers wanted rights to it.

Barry asked if we should advertise for a public hearing in September. He suggested that the August meeting be an informal informational work session, to which Ken Snyder and Ralph Schaller would be invited. Josh made a motion that the August meeting be an informational work session; it was seconded and carried unanimously. Barry will inform Ken Snyder and Ralph Schaller in writing. **A public hearing will then be advertised to take place September 26.** Barry asked Michael to bring in maps showing districts.

New Business

Leanne said that the commission can store its records, etc., in the Town Hall, in the first room on the left (the one the commission used to meet in). She said that the warehouse is being remodeled and that Cable Access may move there; the commission can request their former space or claim an office in the warehouse. Discussion followed about how much space the commission will need; the consensus is that the space should be big enough to hold a public hearing in it—about 800 square feet.

Old Business

Barry reported that the Request for Designation forms are available (he spoke to the Town Clerk). Leanne said that all forms should be on the town web site; she said that she will make sure the commission's form was on it.

Bill asked whether the Katsbaan Cemetary Association had ever gotten back to the commission since their meeting in May regarding pending designation of their cemetery. As they haven't, Bill agreed to contact them.

The next Commission meeting will be August 22, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned.

Susan B. Walker