

Historic Preservation Commission
May 16, 2016
Building Department Conference Room
Minutes

Present: Stefan Yarabek, chair, Barry Benepe, Myles Putman, Michael Sullivan Smith

Liaison: Bill Schirmer, vice-chair

Excused: Susan Puretz

Town Historian: Audrey Klinkenberg

Secretary: Amy McClure

Guests: Stacy Matson-Zulic, Linda Mackey, James Finelli, OPRHP/SHPO

Meeting was called to order by the chair at 5:11 p. m.

I. CLG Audit

1. Briefing on afternoon audit at Town Office. Bill Schirmer, Barry Benepe and Stefan Yarabek with Fred Costello, met with the state auditors. The Commission was asked to promote national registry property, one reason being that there are tax advantages. The Commission can apply for grants to assist with the process of national designation.

Establishment of design guidelines came up. Saratoga and Rhinebeck are models for this, and again Certified Local Government (CLG) grants are available. There are gateway guidelines through the planning board. Our guests came in and everyone was introduced.

There was a discussion of the home and property of Stephen Shafer, which had been turned down for national registry about 3 years ago. There were many reasons given for the possibility that the property be designated.

Stefan stated that Supervisor Helmoortel had an offer for the town to receive the Jeremiah Russell Toll House and at the time the town declined. In addition the Christian Myer home was also offered to the town for free, and that too was declined. SHPO administers matching grants for acquisition and development (restoration, rehabilitation). The value of the donation could be the grant match.

There was a discussion of Winston Farm, the Commission learned that it is possible to look at elements of the property, the road, the mansion, the cemeteries, etc. Stefan says that the property is eligible for national registry, the Commission would be able to review the plans if

there is any state licensing, permitting or funding, would trigger 1409 review by State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

The inventory, survey, of 2005 is completely digitized and is on the town website.

Stefan stated that the Commission needs to compile a summary report of 2012, 2013, 2014. There was a report filed for 2015. They can also be sent year by year. The Commission has 120 days to compile this report.

Stefan noted that 75% of the members have to attend a SHPO approved training event within a 4 year period to meet the requirements. Members of SHPO can be trainers. A member of the Preservation League can also lead. Topics can include designation, design review, rural properties, etc. Barry asked if there is Webinar training available through SHPO. The National Park Service does Webinar training.

SHPO approves thematic designations, ie. stone houses, school houses, etc.

II. Minutes

April 18, 2016 - It was moved by Michael and seconded by Barry that the minutes of March, 2016 be accepted as submitted. Stefan, aye; Barry, aye; Michael, aye; Myles, abstain.

Approved

James Finilli spoke of CRIS, which is a New York State website showing designations of property and other valuable information about historic properties, with ability to navigate to a file giving specific information.

III. Building, Planning & Zoning

Building Department Liaison, not discussed.

Update on Wynkoop/Holiday Inn Proposal – discuss our role with the planning board.

IV. Landmark Designations

1. Status Current Designation Hearing on Osterhoudt House. To be held on June 20, 2016.
2. 140 Cole Bank Road request: Evaluation process and Quorum discussion. A group went to look at her home. Audrey and Ellie Siegal will meet in Kingston to research the deeds of the property. At the time of the visit to 140 Cole Bank Road, we also visited 80 Cole Bank Road, a two story log home. No one was at home; the Commission members looked at the property.
3. The Federeshenko's are requesting local designation for both a Market Street and Glasco parcels. A nomination form was sent to them

4. Board Designation Request and Nomination Protocol:

Tobias Wynkoop – 48 Oak request by Commission to new owner.

5. Proposed Designation of Stone Houses and Schoolhouses Update. Discuss district versus nomination. This can be done as a thematic designation. Each house must be determined to have enough integrity to qualify. There has to be a list of the requirements necessary for designation of a stone house. For a Certificate of Appropriateness the Commission considers the character defining features of a home, if a window needs repair, an attempt should be made to repair before it is replaced. The question came up of whether the change can be seen from a public road or not makes a difference.

Current Nation and State Register Designations

6. Discuss past Landmark Nomination Status

V. Conference Reports

1. April Catskill Center Conference – Michael and Myles and Susan attended, as did Audrey as town historian. Myles reported that the conference was wonderful for networking, attempting to develop a larger group of historians to promote the Catskill region. There was a promise to send email addresses of the persons attending. There will be another meeting in October.

2. May 5-7 NYS Preservation Conference - Stefan reported on the NY Preservation League conference he attended. He felt that the conference was very well done, national parks represented. He was not aware that our CLG is both state and national, and SHPO does the work for the federal designation. A copy of the summary is filed with the minutes.

VI. Old and New Business. Nothing was raised at this meeting.

Adjournment at 6:45 p. m.

Amy McClure, Secretary.