

MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SAUGERTIES LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
7 P.M. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

Present: Josh Randall, Michael Sullivan Smith, Susan Puretz, Myles Putman

Ex Officio: Audrey Klinkenberg, town historian

Liaison: Jimmy Bruno, town board member

Guests: Lorraine Weiss, SHPO; Michael Hein, Ulster County Executive, Greg Helsmoortel, Supervisor of the Town of Saugerties, Leanne Thornton, town board member, Jeanne Goldberg.

Absent: Barry Benepe

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm by chairman, Josh Randall.

1. Minutes of August 15, 2011 meeting: Moved by Michael Sullivan Smith and seconded Susan Puretz that the minutes be approved as presented. Randall, aye; Smith, aye; Puretz, aye; Putman, aye. Unanimous approval.
2. Brief Discussion of Opus 40 Public Hearing (no formal vote): Josh mentioned that the house on Opus 40 lost the roof during the hurricane. Michael stated that Section 5, paragraph D, line 9, of the town ordinance, states that there can be no change to the property when it has been recommended for designation. Michael believes that we should also let the building department know that we would not stand in the way of repair. The building department has not yet notified the Historic Preservation Commission that a building permit has been issued. Susan Puretz moved that we notify the building department regarding the legalities of the situation. Seconded by Myles Putman. Randall, aye; Smith, aye; Puretz, aye; Putman, aye. Unanimous approval.

Josh welcomed the guests including Michael Hein, county executive and Lorraine Weiss from SHPO.

3. Ulster County Executive Michael P. Hein re Ulster County Cultural Heritage Week:

Josh invited Michael Hein to speak to the assembled group. Mr. Hein handed out a brochure on Ulster County's 1st Cultural Heritage Week. Michael Hein stated that he sees a great deal of pride within each community regarding their history. He believes that we should share history with other communities. UlsterCountyNY.gov is the county web site. Michael stated that tourism is a big deal in Ulster County. Historic tourism can grow. UlsterCountyAlive.com has information on tourism in our county. Michael asked for questions, 340-3800 is his phone number. Josh gave Michael a copy of the Guidelines for Identification and Preservation in Saugerties, New York.

4. Lorraine Weiss, State Historic Preservation Office: Josh then invited Lorraine Weiss to speak on Saugerties preservation. She told us that this is her first visit to this historic Carnegie library. SHPO was involved in the funding for the reconstruction. She recalled

seeing signs in merchant windows asking that the library remain here. The decision about one building impacts the rest of the community.

Josh spoke of Michael Hein's mention of a recent meeting held at the Senate House. In 1976 during the bicentennial, the New York State Senate met at Kingston.

5. Presentation of Town/Village of Saugerties Historic Preservation Guidelines: Michael Sullivan Smith spoke regarding the guidelines. The pages were displayed. The Guidelines will be placed on the Saugerties web site and on the county web site. Susan lauded Michael for the work he has done on the guidelines.

6. New Business: Josh read a Certificate of Appreciation presented to the Saugerties Historical Preservation Commission recognizing our participation in Ulster County's 1st Cultural- Heritage Week. Jim Bruno, Town Board Liaison is to present the Certificate to the Town Board

7. A question was raised as to how FEMA works with a designated vs a non designated property.

Myles mentioned several columns on roads published in Greene County, and he showed brochures from several communities in Maine.

8. Old Business: none.

9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:20. Susan Puretz moved to adjourn, seconded by Michael Smith.

Audrey Klinkenberg
Secretary