



**TOWN OF SAUGERTIES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16th, 2019 MEETING**

Present: Vice-Chair Susan Puret; Commission Members Barry Benepe (late), Peigi Mulligan; Commission Alternate Ken Myer Jr., Town Historian Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Liaison John Schoonmaker, Town Liaison Paul Andreessen, Secretary Jeremy Russell, Town of Saugerties Citizen Jason Nelson.

Excused: Commission Chair Stefan Yarabek, Commission Member Alba LaFiandra

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

The Commission met in the conference room adjacent to the Building Department offices of the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Susan Puret at 5:03 pm.

Susan amended the agenda to add an item concerning Audrey's "Path Through History" proposal under new business.

Susan welcomed guest Jason Nelson.

Susan offered amendments on the minutes: Bottom of page 1, two periods, and midway through Page 2, rewording of 'creation of deed of gift.' Finally, attach agenda as part of the final minute's package.

Susan Puret makes a motion to accept the minutes as corrected of August 19th. Peigi Mulligan seconds this. Passed by a vote of 3-0, none opposed. (Barry has not yet arrived to vote)

Jeremy reminded the Commission that the June minutes have not yet been approved. There are no copies available, and it is decided to delay this vote until October.

Peigi announced she will be unable to attend the meeting in October.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Budget and Finances (moved from Agenda item 10):

John reviewed previous budgets, noting that fiscal year 2018 the commission received \$1,400.00. He doesn't expect the Board to approve an 800% increase. Susan interjected and said that the Historic Preservation

Commission routinely asks for funding comparable to the \$12,575.00 currently being submitted. John asked for better documentation of goals and costs. Paul believes the Town Board often marginalizes some of the Commissions, but agrees that documentation is needed. Paul recalls that past Commissions have asked for more money than currently being asked for. John agreed, and explained that he's going to need justification for the other Board members. Paul said that he will be supportive of this request. John believed he likely will be too.

Continuing on the budget talks, Susan suggested that Neil Larson will be the first asked for the archival project, so as to hammer down costs. John will review the past ten years of budgets for precedent set for funding on special projects. Audrey asked for the final number, and quotes \$12,575.00. Susan found that the Commission asked for \$14,500.00 last year, and received \$1,400.00. Peigi suggested that some of these costs are negotiable. Susan reiterated that some costs are flexible. John noticed that some of the submitted budget items are being resubmitted from the previous that did not receive funding. Paul noted that these are legal responsibilities of the Commission.

Barry Benepe arrives, 5:14 pm

At this point, Paul wished to thank all of the volunteers on this Commission, and said they are doing a tremendous job. Susan believes it's true of all the volunteer boards and commissions. John mentioned he didn't think the Town would run if it weren't for the volunteers. Susan would like to honor the Volunteers like they do in Woodstock. Paul agreed.

Barry has brought in material to leave with the Secretary, and defined all materials the Commission has produced as being property of the Commission. Barry points out that Myles's material is part of the Commission, and thus should not be considered "donated" material. Susan asked to table the conversation. It is clarified that there is no Town Archivist. The archivist that is working on Myles's collection is cataloging and organizing the material, as Myles had worked for several municipalities as a consultant, and the Historic Preservation Commission will receive the relevant materials upon completion. There is currently no space dedicated to holding these materials although there is shelving and space in the Loft—the space that is being considered for use to hold all the Town's archives. Barry asked for permission to leave his material with the HPC Secretary Jeremy, and Jeremy accepts the material.

Susan reiterated that she is appreciative of the support from the Town Liaisons for the proposed budget. Paul and John both asked for some more details for the budget. Ken asked if the archivist provided a breakdown. Nobody is really sure about the cost of the past work. Susan believes the Commission still owes money to archivist, and will contact her to find out.

2) Comfort-Smith House (Moved from Agenda Item 1):

Susan reported that the said property is not Town designated. There are new owners, and they have received permission from the Building Department to make renovations. Susan has been in touch with the owners and although they are not obliged to follow recommendations of the Historic Preservation Commission, they expressed gratitude in the HPC's interest of their home. They were invited to a HPC meeting, and could not attend. .

3) Grant Applications (Moved from Agenda Item 2):

A meeting is scheduled with Town Supervisor Fred Costello. Susan, speaking for the HPC, is extremely disappointed in the outcome of the grant prepared for archival space, as it wasn't prepared to include dedicated

space for the Commission's materials (note: The grant was rejected). John spoke briefly with (Special Projects Coordinator) Vernon Benjamin, and his takeaway from the conversation was that the misunderstanding was that Vernon believed it was superfluous to mention the Historic Preservation Commission, since they fell under the auspices of the Town of Saugerties. Peigi and Susan's understanding of the rejection of the grant was that there was a requirement for the inclusion of the Historic Preservation Commission. It was mentioned that Dennis Riley, a Certified Local Government grants consultant, will be in Saugerties on October 8th, at the Lamb Center, for discussion about grants for private organizations and perhaps there can be discussion about possible collaboration between the HPC and Lamb Center. Paul asks to be kept abreast of both meetings. John suggests starting anew on this particular grant, and to provide time for the Commission to review the grant before submission.

4) Update: Marti Randall (moved from Agenda Item #3):

Marti and Josh Randall compiled sizable amounts of research on Winston Farm. Marti wants this to be donated to the Historic Preservation Commission. Josh, former Commissioner, passed away earlier, and Marti's health is failing. Susan and Peigi will be working on the technical details, mainly the Deed of Gift for an allowance for family and friends to retrieve or use material once the gift is made.

5) Memorializing Resolution publicity and reception Update (moved from Agenda Item #4):

Susan wrote to Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk, and Nina did not respond for some time and when she did she said that she needs to talk to UC Executive Pat Ryan to find out if he intends to continue Mike Hein's tradition. She has not gotten back to Susan. Unfortunately, the Commission was hoping to work on a Stone House reception in conjunction with the County's annual Cultural Heritage Week, but this event is not likely to happen given the uncertainties and the short amount of time left for planning the event. Therefore, after some discussion, it was decided to postpone this event to 2020 and include it as part of the HPC 2020 budget request. Jeremy mentions having some copies of the 2018 Stone House Tour, for reference to the 68 stone houses of the memorializing resolution. Susan has only 1 copy of 2009. Jeremy will make copies of the 2009 booklet.

6) Asbury District (moved from Agenda Item #5):

Susan has no updates, but shall work on this for the October meeting.

7) HPC Website Update for HPC Information on Town Website (moved from Agenda Item #6):

No updates. Tabled for the time being.

8) Loose-leaf for Newbies (moved from Agenda Item #7):

Jeremy was not entirely sure what this is made of. Using Barry's materials, he believes he will be able to make this. Ken updated us that he has begun working on the 2005 Survey digitization.

9) Kocherthal-Eligh Stone House (moved from Agenda Item #8):

A private citizen is looking for a property in the Saugerties Area, preferably for a property built in the early 1800s. One deal has recently fallen through. This individual has been in contact with the Commission already, and remains in contact as they continues looking for a property. The Kocherthal-Eligh Stone House is believed, by former Commissioner Michael Sullivan Smith, to have been inhabited/built in the 1600s, and later renovated in the 1700s. Audrey asked if it's listed in the Kingston Commons deed. It is not, but part of a patent.

10) Ricks Lane (moved from Agenda #9):

Susan and Barry both have heard from interested buyers. Barry mentions that Snyder Hill/Farm is now for sale. Susan suggested writing a letter to the applicable real-estate company (Win Morrison). Paul recommended talking

to the realtors. Peigi believed it may be state designation, and Audrey believed it's local. Ken asked about restrictions on the Winston Farm property. Barry said that subdivisions must go through the commission, but owners otherwise can do whatever zoning and planning allows for.

End of Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

1) Appointments to the HPC:

Barry's tenure will run through October. November will be the month needed for this appointment.

End of New Business

TOWN HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Audrey hasn't worked on her proposal for a Path Through History too much, but has received encouragement from Mark Smith (President of the Chamber of Commerce), and Shout Out Saugerties. Audrey believes the weekend of June 15th is a state designated weekend for potential date, but feels June is too busy a month for the idea to be successful.

The idea is that a collaborative effort will take place to produce a self-guided tour through Saugerties. Some of the ideas for destinations and organizations were restated from the August meeting, along with some new ones. They are:

- Saugerties Light House
- Opus 40
- Saugerties Historical Society
- Public Library and History Whisperers
- West Camp area for the Rock
- Memorial and WWI cannon in Malden
- Katsbaan Church (they will open)
- Flatbush Church
- Tour of Buildings on Main St.
- Possible Sidewalk Sale and collaboration with Destination Saugerties
- Trinity Church
- Arm of the Sea
- Mynderse House
- Other privately owned Stone Houses
- Person House Trinity Four Corners
- R.A. Snyder Fire Company
- American Legion Museum
- Ciarlante's Icehouse
- Esopus Creek Conservancy

Audrey believes the only cost would be the generation of a map and wristbands. It is hopeful that Greenways NY

would provide a grant. There would be a need for volunteers.

TOWN LIASONS' REPORT

Paul asked about the Katsbaan Church's event on October 5th or 6th. It is a 300 Year Anniversary. Audrey knew of it, and believed there would be some kind of Revolutionary and Civil War re-enactment. It is not related to the Commission. His second question is about the status of the Christian Myer house and property. Phillips Magnavox offered the Town the property, which it rejected, and it is believed it is not being used for anything at the moment.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Barry reported that recently, the Saugerties Farmer's Market has had visitors from Chicago and New Jersey, and that it appears that the reputation of Saugerties is spreading and that it is becoming a tourist destination. Barry wants to build on this.

Audrey has reached 380,000 corrections on hvrh.org - Hudson Valley Historical Newspapers.

Barry has delineated three types of materials that the Commission may, in the future, be accepting to hold.

- 1) Materials that the Commission produces which remains with the Commission.
- 2) Materials that may be donated from outside persons or organizations.
- 3) Publicly available material.

Susan recommended ironing out how and where to store these items. Audrey recently received an envelope of deeds, essentially, because no one would accept it. Audrey didn't give a receipt or deed of gift. Paul notes that the American Legion doesn't typically draw these. The item is tabled for the time being.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Susan Puretz, and seconded by Ken Myer, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeremy Russell
Secretary
Town of Saugerties Historic Preservation Commission

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Regular Meeting, September 16, 2019 at 5 pm

Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of August 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Welcome to our guests

Old Business:

1. Comfort Smith house: update on communication and application
 2. Grant applications for HPC storage space in Town Hall
 3. Update: Marti Randall
 4. Memorializing Resolution publicity and reception Update
 5. Asbury District
 6. HPC Website Update for HPC information on the Town website
 7. Loose-leaf for Newbies plus extras for the future Update
 8. Kocherthal-Eligh Stone House??
 9. Ricks Lane
 10. Budget and Finance
- Other Old Business

New Business:

1. Appointments to the HPC
- Other New Business

Miscellaneous Business

Town Historian's report
Town Board Liaison's report
Other announcements

Next meeting scheduled for October 21, 2019
Adjournment