

Town of Saugerties  
Historic Preservation Commission  
Minutes of March 18, 2019

Present: Stefan Yarabek, Chairman; Susan Puretz, Vice-Chairwoman; Peigi Mulligan, Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Historian; Barry Benepe, Paul Andreassen, Town Board Liaison; Alba LaFiandra.

Excused: Ken Myers

Meeting called to order: 5:03 p.m.

**Old Business**

1. February minutes tabled till next meeting. Will be discussed at April meeting
2. Alba LaFiandra and Ken Myers participation in the group will be determined at the next meeting, due to Ken not being present.
3. Barry Benepe will take on Michael Smith Sullivan's vacancy and finish his remaining term.
4. Ken Meyers will be the commission's alternate and Alba LaFiandra has agreed to be an active board member of the commission. The next Town Board meeting will be held on April 3 and this subject will be discussed.
5. Amendment to the local law will be modified to allow for an alternate member. The alternate member will attend meetings and participate in the discussions. Susan made the motion and Stefan seconded it. Barry is also in agreement.
6. Poultney Bigelow discussion will be tabled till the next meeting because Richard was not available for tonight's meeting. A public hearing has to be had in order for the park to be designated as a local landmark.
7. Myles Documents: The archivist, Clare Fleming has ordered materials that will be delivered in order to have the work fully curated

and preserved. The materials came with a few file cabinets that will be able to be used to store some of the documents. Myles Putman's brother has made up a flash drive that he will give to the commission. He also has some maps that he will give to the commission as well.

8. As far back as January 2019, there have been discussions with Vernon Benjamin regarding an archival room and a grant that he was applying for in order to finish off an area of the Town Building for town archives. It was explained from the start that the HPC would have access to the new archive room in order to display historic materials. There would also be an area where people could come and view the materials. Vernon attended at least 3 meetings and gave feedback as to the progress that was being done on the grant. An email was sent to Stefan stating that the HPC would not have access to the archive room if the grant is approved. Vernon stated that the only group that would have access is the Town Clerk, and the Town Clerk's materials.
9. Donor letter: A donor letter is needed if a member of the Town of Saugerties has materials, they would like to donate to the HPC. The person who wishes to donate the materials will sign off that they are willing to give their materials over. This letter is a necessity because a family member could come to the HPC and state they want the materials back and this protects what the HPC received.

### **New Business**

Wolven Cemetery and Herricks Bridge. There is an older vehicle and two older boats that have been on the property for many years. A discussion was had based on the fact that these vehicles are an eye sore and because Saugerties is known as a tourist town it would be nice to have the vehicles removed. An e-mail or letter will be sent to the building department as well as the Town Board in order to make them aware of the situation that is going on on

this property. This property is across the street from an historic site.

A discussion pertaining to cemeteries in the area was had because there was a question as to whether or not the cemeteries should be named as landmarks.

Clark VanVlierden House Roof Replacement: The home needs a new roof, and Barry has contacted Colonial Roofing for options for the roof. Colonial Roofing has given a bid for the roof of \$30,000.00. The shingles are architectural shingles and will be historically correct for the home. An approval was given from Stefan. Barry will have to turn in a certificate of appropriateness to the building department when the building permit is requested. Barry recused himself from the vote because it is his home. Motion by Stefan, approved.

Winston Farm Sale: The land has conservation value and should be purchased by someone who will preserve it. The road that leads around the farm is the only 12 ft early 18<sup>th</sup> century that remains. A meeting could be held in the NY City area as well as here in Saugerties to discuss the land, and what should go on with it.

MDHHRNHA: Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

Dominican Sister's House is being added to the list of stone houses.

Christine VanBenschoten gifted Audrey with a box of deeds. They came from the estate of Louis Francello. Some of them date back to the 1800's. Audrey now has all of his historic materials.

Motion for adjournment: 6:30 p.m.