

Historic Preservation Commission
September 16, 2013
7:00 p.m. Building Department Conference Room
Minutes

Present: Michael Sullivan Smith, Susan Puretz, Josh Randall, Stephen Shafer
Secretary: Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Historian, Deputy County Historian
Liaison: Jimmy Bruno, Deputy Town Supervisor
Guest: Gil Hales

The meeting was called to order at 7:08

1. Approval of Minutes of August 19, 2013.

Josh moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, seconded by Stephen.
Michael, aye; Stephen, aye; Susan, aye; Josh, aye. Unanimous

2. Criteria for Identification of Local Historic Significance. Michael distributed the criteria to the Commission and guest. Moved by Susan, seconded Josh that we adopt the criteria, above named, as prepared by Michael Sullivan Smith. Michael, aye; Stephen, aye; Susan, aye; Josh, aye. Unanimous
These criteria will be added to the Town of Saugerties web site.

3. Ulster County Heritage Week. The Commission will be presenting a program on October 14, 2013, beginning at 6 p. m. at the Saugerties Public Library. Participants expected are Richard Frisbie, Bob Chappelle, Ariel Dedolph from the library on the hrvh.org presentation, Channel 23's streaming, Audrey Klinkenberg on transcription, Dan Lamb will speak on the Lamb collection, Chester Hartwell on the I Like Saugerties web site.

Michael plans that the presentation will be of interest to educators in line with the new Common Core Curriculum standards in education.

The press releases included with the handout, will be sent out by Susan Puretz.

4. Old Business:

a. Grant for signage – Josh has no report

b. Josh asked about the finances from the Stone House Tour. Jimmy says that the money has been carried over. Jimmy will move that the money will be carried over, during the budget discussions later this year.

5. New Business:

a. Information about the Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Assistant Grants for Historic Properties was distributed.

b. There is a move to eliminate the Federal Preservation Tax Credits. Josh is against this change.

c. Josh brought up the Platte Clove road, as a possibility for designation, Greene County has already done some designation of the upper portion of the road as part of the Scenic Byway program.

Audrey announced the unveiling of the Sojourner Truth statue in Esopus on September 21, 2013.

Josh told of a Sojourner Truth statue moved from City Hall to the Kingston Area Library sometime in the mid 1970's.

Audrey also announced that the Association of Public Historians of New York will have a meeting in Saugerties on October 19, 2013 at the Frank Greco Senior Citizen Building.

Susan announced that there will be a proposition on the ballot for non-Indian Casinos to be allowed in the state of New York.

Stephen asked what we are going to do with the money in the budget of the Commission. Several suggestions were made. The Friends of Clovelea, mentioned as a historic group, could receive a donation. Susan suggested funding a book about the Winston Farm, from the documents held by Marti Randall. Stephen mentioned the possibility of purchasing a scanner for the Lamb collection. Susan asked if monies could be allocated for purchase, without being spent, and kept in the Commission's line item for the following year. It was suggested that the scanner could be purchased on an installment plan. Josh noted that this would depend on the budget for next year. Susan suggested that there could be a three way purchase of a scanner with other departments within the town. Michael will investigate the proposal.

Josh would like to see the Guidelines completed, using some of the budgeted money to publish them. He also brought up the possibility of a tri-fold to be handed out, which would speak of the work of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Josh moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Susan. Michael, aye; Stephen, aye; Susan, aye; Josh, aye. Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p. m.

Audrey Klinkenberg
Secretary