



**TOWN OF SAUGERTIES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 2021 MEETING**

Present: Commission Vice-Chair Susan Puret, Commission Members: Ken Myer, Jr., Alba LaFiandra, Peigi Mulligan, Commission Alternate Jason Nelson, Town Board Liaison John Schoonmaker, Secretary Jeremy Russell.

Excused: Town Historian Audrey Klinkenberg, Commission Chair Stefan Yarabek

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

The Commission met virtually, on the platform Zoom (zoom.us), ID #969-987-8583.

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM.

Susan explained that Stefan was swamped and could not attend the night's meeting. She explained Peg Nau had written to say she couldn't make it as well.

MINUTES: Susan brought up the minutes of February 2021. Alba asked whether the Edmund Clark in the minutes referred to a different Clark, or if it was meant to be the Edward Clark of the Glenerie Lead Mill. Jeremy said that it was a critical error on his part. Alba said she had not been able to find Edward Clark in any census. Jeremy posited that he wasn't able to find the painting of the bridge over Glenerie Falls because he thought his name was Edmund the entire time. Alba said that in the ledgers provided by Audrey, he'd signed his name clearly; it was always Edward and Clark, with no "E" at the end of Clark.

Peigi said that in her research, especially before 1900, people tended to spell things phonetically, or with abbreviations, and combining this fact with the proclivity for Dutch and German names to have accent marks, it made multiple spellings of names commonplace, and thus, difficult to research. Alba offered that she had the best luck finding the wives of men in a census to locate the research figure.

Alba made a motion to accept the February 2021 minutes as corrected, and Peigi seconded. The vote to accept the minutes was 5-0, none opposed.

Susan asked to delay the vote on the March minutes, as they had not been completed. She remarked that the closed captioning service Jeremy had found on Zoom was impressive. She asked if the transcription would be available, and Jeremy said that it was his first attempt using the service and wasn't sure, but thought it likely did produce a transcript.

OLD BUSINESS

(John entered the meeting at this point)

1. Asbury District Update: Susan said that Stefan had sent everyone a note about Neil Larson's completed work with the Asbury District. Jeremy said he'd asked Chelsea Towers, the CLG's area analyst and reviewer, and she thought the nomination was about a year away. Susan suggested delaying the local designation. Jeremy wondered how this would affect the grant contract. He said he would contact Daniel McEneny on the matter.

2. Malden Survey Update: Susan did not hear from Larson & Associates, but expected that John Ham had finished the survey work.

3. Historical Marker Committee Update: Peigi had changed her mind to a degree, and explained her reasoning. She'd counted two or three local historical markers that were not visible from the road, and expected there were more she'd been unable to find. She thought the locations that were chosen for the upcoming new current markers did not have parking availability, and no real way for people to know that the markers are there. Peigi thought developing a relationship with Snyder Farm was a good idea, as it was also a place with high visibility, with potential parking as well. Peigi said that the same family owned the property for at least over 200 years.

Alba asked which Snyder it was. She looked through her materials and found a reference to a farm on Churchland Road, and another, Abraham Snyder's, on Blue Mountain Road. She didn't see anything on Rt. 212. Peigi said that it was Peter Isaac Snyder that was most commonly associated with that farm. Alba asked if part of that land was where kids went sledding. Peigi answered in the affirmative. Alba asked if all the Snyder's were related, and Peigi said "yes" again. Peigi described the house as being a stone house sitting on top of a little hill, about a quarter of a mile past the Rt. 32 and Rt. 212 intersection. Alba did not think there was any material in the survey. Susan said that the property was designated. Peigi said she was going to send Jeremy some corrected research on Snyder's Farm. Susan gave the tax ID number. Peigi thought some of the parcels had been subdivided since the designation in 2006.

Susan asked if the Commission should focus on one historic marker as opposed to two. Alba said that it sounded like there was only enough money for one anyway. She also thought the marker should be named for Peter, so as to not create confusion if there were two Snyder's Farms. Peigi said that most associate Snyder's farm with the sledding hill. Jeremy said that the Commission shouldn't consider the other ideas as "thrown-away," as they could always pursue them in the future. Peigi then asked if one needed the consent of the owners. Jeremy said that it depended on where it was being placed. Alba thought one wouldn't if it was on a public road. Susan said that it wouldn't hurt to contact the owners and Doug Myer, the Town's Highway Superintendent.

(Agenda Item #4 was inadvertently skipped)

5. Winston Farm Update: Susan had some notes that Stefan had sent her indicating that there had been no follow up by or with the owners. Susan said she'd heard they're working on the mansion. Peigi said that they were working on the frame house. She also said that a Facebook page had been created for the house, and that they were going to rent it as an Air BnB. She asked if it was Pat, the former caretaker that had lived in the house. Ken wasn't sure – he'd take a look at the Facebook page. Ken asked if it was the red house behind the mansion, over by the reservoir.

Peigi asked about the cemetery on the property. She said that Isaac Snyder's stone house was torn down to the foundation near the cemetery. Ken said that the remains are just north up the hill, past Pat's house. He said that you can see the foundation from the cemetery. Peigi said that there'd been confusion in the past as to what was the original family homestead, and that it was likely the one torn down in 1873. Peigi and Ken were going to try and take a walk up there some day.

6. Trinity Cemetery Update: As Audrey was not present, there was no update.

7. Wynkoop House and Lamb Center Update: Susan had not received any notice from the owners of the Wynkoop House, and thought she may send a registered letter. Jeremy had no updates on the Lamb Center.

8. Staples Brickyard/Bristol Beach: It was announced that the Town is pursuing some grants on for this project.

9. Esopus Creek Update: Stefan had sent out his letter that he sent to the DEC. He'd recommended, in his notes to Susan, that the HPC attend the gathering taking place on that Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Laurent Perron: Susan indicated to the HPC that she was very pleased to see that Laurent had done plenty of family research and had congratulated him on his efforts. His family would be visiting Saugerties between Sept. 10-12 and Susan invited his family to visit at her house during their stay in Saugerties and indicated that she thought that it would be a pleasant gathering for the HPC to meet Laurent et al. Jeremy had e-mailed Susan once he found out her plans and said that the Ramble might be taking place that weekend.

2. Kochertal/Eligh House: Jeremy had received an e-mail from a potential buyer of the property. He'd invited the owner to this meeting, but he did not attend. Jeremy had thought the owner would be attending to present a Certificate of Appropriateness form and he was under the impression that the owner is committed to maintaining the history connected with the property. The owner also had spoken with Stefan previously.

Susan had been thinking about how to publicize reasons why people should want their properties designated. Jeremy told a convoluted story concerning the tax abatements offered in the Town and Village, and how no municipality had ever granted tax abatement in the County. Peigi asked if it was a stone house on Rt. 32 going toward Catskill. Susan said yes, and that the house was on the first or second Stone House Tour. Peigi thought the house had been abandoned for many years. She thought there was furniture stolen a few years ago.

Jeremy said that there was very little information in Barry's material on the particular house, and wanted to check the records at Town Hall. He asked if anyone had looked in the Town Hall records since the files had been unlocked. Susan had – she said that the drawers had the individual house files from material's used in creating the Historical Survey. She said she would not be surprised if the designation materials were there as well. Jeremy asked John if he could get him into Town Hall, because he wasn't able to during normal business hours.

3. Other: Susan asked if there were any updates on the Finger Grounds Restoration Project. Peigi said she only knew what she'd read in the e-mails.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

1. Town Board Liaison's Report: John said that there was a hydroelectric dam proposed for past the reservoir that had since been withdrawn. The Town was likely going to pass a resolution opposing the dam. He thought it was pulled partially because of the Esopus Creek problems.

Concerning the turbid water releases, Vernon had done a lot for the Town. He hadn't received many updates on technical details, but that Riverkeeper was going to ramp up a social media campaign. He said the Town is sending a mailer out to everyone on the Community Choice Aggregate electric program. Susan asked if it took the place of Central Hudson or if what was just similar to the private companies like Clearway and Common Energy. John said Central Hudson would not be replaced; they'd still be delivering the electric. He said that not much would change or appear different on the consumer side of things.

John said that the Town Planner had a special meeting with the Town Board, and that the Town is looking into short-term rental law, following Woodstock's example closely. He expects zoning changes to come to Kings Highway. There are going to be zoning laws drafted for marijuana dispensaries, otherwise, the State will take over control of the zoning if local laws are not established.

Commented [SLP1]: Is that correct?

2. Town Historian's Report: N/A

3. Secretary's Report: Jeremy could not remember the question he had. Susan said that she'd been scammed quite a while ago, using Stefan's name. The scammers had been using Vernon's name as well, and John confirmed that there was a scam targeting municipalities.

Jeremy remembered his question and asked if anyone had been able to use the Google Drive link he'd sent to view the HPC archive. Nobody had been able to. He asked whether it was best to send everyone usb drives. Peigi said that might be better.

With no further business to discuss, Peigi made a motion and Ken seconded to close the meeting. There were none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Russell

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Covid19 Web-Meeting, April 19th, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Agenda

Zoom info: Link – <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/9699878583>

Room ID: 969-987-8583

Phone Number to call: 646-558-8656 then dial Room ID

***Please note: The order of items on the Agenda are subject to changes as the meeting progresses to accommodate guests and schedules**

Welcome to Guests

Call to Order

Minutes

Old Business:

1. Asbury District: Update
2. Malden Survey/District: Update
3. Historical Markers Committee: Update
4. Map and Ramble: Update
5. Winston Farm: Update
6. Cemetery: Update
7. Wynkoop House and Lamb Center: Update
8. Staples Brickyard/Bristol Beach: Update
9. Esopus Creek: Update
10. Laurent Perron: Update

New Business:

1. Kocherthal/Eligh House
2. Other

Miscellaneous Business:

1. Town Board Liaison's Report
2. Town Historian's Report
3. Secretarial Report

Next meeting scheduled for May 17th, 2021 at 5:30 – via Zoom

Adjournment

April 19th, 2021 Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Town of Saugerties