

Town of Saugerties  
Historic Preservation Commission  
Minutes of April 15, 2019

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Meeting called to order 5:01 p.m.

In attendance: Stefan Yarabek, Chair; Susan Puretz, Vice-chair; Barry Benepe, Alba LaFiandra, Peigi Mulligan, Ken Myer, alternate; Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Historian; John Schoonmaker, Town Board Liaison.  
*secretary?*

Minutes:

An approval of the January minutes was rescinded due to the fact that the resignation of Michael Sullivan Smith was not noted. Other corrections were noted.

Old Business:

1. Appointments:

Ken Myer was appointed by the Town Board as the HPC Alternate board member and serve until March 2023. Alba LaFiandra was appointed by the Town Board and will serve as a board member for the HPC until March 2023. Barry Benepe, will fill Michael Sullivan Smith's term until March 2020.

2. Donations:

Audrey is able to receive documents from community members as the Town Historian. A donor letter will be written up that will state that no goods or services were exchanged for the donations. Previous donor letter stated that the goods were donated to the HPC, the new letter will state that the Town Historian will receive the goods.

Audrey stated that she is in the process of securing two contributions at this time.

3. Public Hearings and Designations re: The Memorial Park:  
A public hearing is part of the process that the HPC must follow for landmark designation. Following the public hearing, a decision is reached by the HPC and if designation is affirmed, the designation is then sent to the Town Board. "Such designation to be subject to disapproval supported by findings by the Town Board within 45 days of enactment of the designation and filed as approved if no action is taken in this time". The HPC is aware of and acknowledges the gifts and monuments by the Bigelow family. It was discussed with the guests present that ultimately, if the Park is not designated as a historic site, there can still be a plaque stating what Poultney Bigelow donated to the town. The guests stated that there has been concern over the name of the Park and if the town and state are in favor of designating the park with a changed name, the friends of Malden would not like to designate the park.

Resolution for the public hearing for the designation of the Poultney Bigelow Memorial Park --- Passed with Susan opposed.

4. Playground equipment for the Malden Park:  
In discussion, the following points were covered: Place the new toys behind the swings, and make the front space more of a memorialized area. The basketball court area will be repaved, the swings will be fixed, and the toys will all be updated. The parking area should also be changed as to not take away from the memorial area with the monuments. Stone House memorializing resolution will be discussed and hopefully acted on at the next Town Board meeting on April 17.

5. Winston Farm Landmark Designation:  
The HPC designated the Winston Farm in 2007. The property is currently for sale.

New Business:

1. Comfort Smith House:

A letter was sent out after the February meeting to find out what is going on with building. There has been no response. Susan will send out another letter.

2. Herricks Bridge:

Herricks Bridge is a State historic site. There was discussion about the property and also the nearby cemetery. It was noted that abandoned cemeteries are protected by state law and that the town should take care of them.

Meeting adjourned 6:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Buck

Secretary

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