

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, Sept. 17, 2007

Attendance - Board Members: Josh Randall, Barry Benepe, Susan Puretz, Michael Smith, Leeanne Thornton, Town Board Liaison, and Cheryl Van Schaack, Secretary.

1. **Minutes of August Meeting:** Josh moved to accept the August minutes. Michael Smith seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

2. Progress Report on possible workshop meeting with Town Board members.

Barry indicated that he had arranged a meeting with Greg Helmsmoortel of the Commission and the Town Board for October 2nd. It will be a Workshop Session @ 4 p.m. A discussion followed as to the agenda for the workshop meeting. A side discussion included the possibility of designation all of the Stone Houses in the area.

3. Presentation of Pictometry aerial views of Augusta Savage Road and portion of Winston Farm obtained from County Planning Department. Barry talked to Rob Liebowitz, Assistant Planner. Barry will try to obtain more pictures if they are available.

4. **Budget:** Discussion on the work of the Commission and the need for money from the Town to fund some of the proposed activities including a pamphlet with Frequently Asked Questions and Guidelines, and a video.

Motion: (Puretz/Randall): That the Town Historic Preservation Commission requests a total of \$15,000.00, including the Secretary's Salary.

Action: Approved unanimously.

5. **Other Items:**

- a. Leeanne said that anyone could take a course at Channel 23. So far there are a total of 18 people signed up to take the course, and after you take the course on Video Production you can go on Channel 23 and Air a special.

- b. Barry was on the Dominican Sisters property last week. There is a cemetery on the property. There is a headstone inscribed "Mr. Andrus Venleuven Died June ye 27th 1760 Age 55" There is a second stone inscribed "John Van Leuven who departed this life January 15th 1863 aged 51 years 10 months & 8 Days this Monument erected by his bereved partner and Daughter to perpetuate the endearments of their affection for an irretivable lofs" "f" is pronounced as "s" when followed by "s" in early English. Other apparent misspellings are as they appear

on the stones. There is also a house on Spaulding Lane – the Schoonmaker House.

- c.** Barry asked Michael to bring his maps relating to the McCabe property to a future meeting. Michael suggested that maybe our Lawyer should look at the "Frequently Asked Questions" before we get to the publication stage. Leeanne said that maybe we could send it to William Hurst. Other ideas included putting it on the Town Website and then eventually in the local newspaper as a weekly column.

- 6. Announcements:** The Ulster County Open Space Plan meeting at the Senior Center will be held on Monday, September 24th. Leeanne said that once we get a copy, it would be available at the Library and on the Website.

7. Updates:

- a.** Barry mailed a request for a Designation form at the request of the owner. The stone house at Oak Road Giovanni, homeowner.
- b.** Anchorage Farm is on hold.
- c.** The Public Hearing was continued on the Third Brink House.
- d.** Barry Benepe's house on Van Vlierden Road and The McCabe House, Carol Zaloom are on the list of places to consider.

Adjournment: Josh Randall moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Michael Smith, and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held, Monday, October 15th @ 7:00 p.m.

Cheryl Van Schaack, Recording Secretary