



**TOWN OF SAUGERTIES  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 2020 MEETING**

**Present:** Commission Vice-Chair Susan Puret; Commission Members Alba LaFiandra, Peigi Mulligan, Ken Myer, Jr., Commission Alternate Jason Nelson, Town Historian Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Board Liaison Paul Andreassen, Secretary Jeremy Russell, Guest Historian Chester Hartwell

**Excused:** 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 by Vice-Chair Susan Puret at 4:55 pm.

**MINUTES**

Approval of Minutes of January 27th, and February 24th, 2020 meetings. Alba asked whether the change was made concerning a change from Catskill to Glasco and discussion from Ramble event to historical marker. Susan gave corrections as well, further defining Lifespring: Adult Learning Community and Marti Randall's contributions, as well as the removal of personal information concerning Stone Houses.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

1) Health Report: Everyone was doing ok.

2) Town Board Liaison's Report: Town Board member Paul Andreassen mentioned that check made out to Neil Larson has been approved by Julie Dunn, who handles much of the finances for the Town, and should be delivered shortly. Paul then asked whether the resolution concerning the CLG grant application needed to be passed soon. Jeremy thought that there was plenty of time, and that May 6<sup>th</sup> was more than enough time.

Reporting on COVID-19, Paul said that the Highway Dept. was working half the week and that most offices were closed or only staffed by one or two people. Paul conveyed he had made a request to have a budget workshop for the Town to address possible austerity issues. He thinks the funding for projects might have to be held off until next year. Beyond that, Paul believes that nobody else has more information than what can be read in the newspapers. He is worried about the economic future. On a good note though, he feels the virus has led to an opportunity to reach out and communicate with people that one wouldn't under normal circumstances. He feels lucky and blessed.

3) Secretarial/Financial Report: Jeremy reported he sent in a voucher for Neil Larson for \$1500.00, but thought most of that will be recouped from the CLG Grant. Jeremy will be returning \$592.73 to the Town for the cost for lodging for the attendance at the Preservation New York Conference for himself and Ken. The conference is postponed until December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The budget currently stands at \$13,151.99. Susan recommended incorporating a budget into each set of minutes.

4) Town Historian's Report: Audrey expressed concern over the plans to hold a Historic Ramble in Saugerties. She felt that there will likely be a second wave that could very well be worse than the first wave. Alba, Peigi and Jason agreed. Jeremy expressed anxiety about the planning involved, which needed to ramp up now, and Audrey thought it just was not viable to be held in September, at this point.

There was discussion about whether the State and Hudson River Valley National Heritage organization have two separate Rambles. Audrey thought there might be a second in May. Susan didn't think there was. Audrey asked whether that would affect the current grants. Jeremy had originally sought two grants for the Ramble, with the intention to devote one towards the creative design behind making of a map, and a second for the printing, promotion, and all other costs that could occur. One grant from HRVNH had already been applied for, and he had to get more information as to where that stood. The Greenways Grant has a deadline of May 8<sup>th</sup>.

*Alba made a motion to postpone the Saugerties Ramble in September of 2020 to a later date, seconded by Peigi. **The resolution passed 5-0, none opposed.***

Susan suggested to Jeremy to find out if a grant, if it were awarded in 2020, could be used in 2021. Alba though it was still worth pursuing the making of a map. It could have many uses – for future stone house tours, future rambles, and for general promotion. Peigi added that there's been interest and discussion to include locations of where all stone houses stood in the 1855 Census on a theoretical map. Susan asked why limit it to 1855 if there are more that were built later. Peigi thought that there was no reason it had to be limited, but just signified in a different manner on the map.

During this map discussion, Jeremy noted that the Bard Professor, Arseny Khakhalin, who had created a Medieval-Themed map of Red Hook and Annendale-on-Hudson, did not have the time to create a Saugerties map, but that he would donate his creative work completed on Adobe Illustrator, and permitted him to use the images he'd created.

Audrey, continuing her report, said that she is working on several projects. Audrey has been involved in a cleanup project concerning the Henry Barclay gravestone in the Trinity Cemetery. John Stegmayer and the Boy Scout Troup would like to help, and Vernon Benjamin offered a number of helpful recommendations. The gravestone will be cleaned, and there is some fencing that needs to be replaced. Ultimately, she's proposed to have a ceremony, and possibly a permanent marker of some sort, to explain the significance of Henry Barclay. Audrey plans to start a GoFundMe for the project. Barbara Bravo has also been in contact and offered some suggestions.

Peigi asked about the Ulster County historical marker. Jeremy brought the marker to Paul's house. Jeremy was supposed to order a post, but hadn't been given confirmation that the DOT could put the marker back up. He reached out to Dave Corrigan, but hadn't heard from him since COVID19 had started.

## OLD BUSINESS

1) Ramble 2020 Updates: The discussion had already taken place.

2) Asbury District Updates: Neil Larson had submitted the preliminary nomination to the State, and the representative from the State, Chelsea Towers, had defined it as being eligible for nomination. The official registering will not take place until the data can be entered into the CRIS system, and Chelsea was unsure as to what the next step was.

Susan asked what the next step for Neil was. Jeremy wasn't sure. Ken asked if Neil would still be in the area or was moving. Jeremy had spoken to him, and Neil said that he anticipated to conduct business, and expected to travel from his new home and back. Susan asked if Neil was authorized to continue on, but no one was sure. It was expected that Stefan probably had more information.

Peigi has done research, and believes that a mistake has been made in the historical interpretation, and that the Comfort/Smith House is actually the Zachariah Trumbour house. Audrey has a digital copy of the original Comfort/Smith deed. Peigi's concerned because there is another problem with the Brainard House designation as well. Susan suggested creating an official document noting these changes. Peigi and Audrey will be getting together to discuss this further.

3) Saugertieshpc.net: This is the new, official web address for the HPC website, though work on it has not started yet. Jeremy planned to go out and take pictures of historic landmarks and properties. He asked for suggestions. Audrey mentioned a number of churches. Alba mentioned the still-standing one room schoolhouses.

4) Historical Markers Report: Jeremy asked whether the HPC should pursue a grant for these markers. Susan didn't believe there was any reason not to. Audrey suggested that the grant might not cover the entire cost. Paul thought that it'd be ok, as the Commission/Town didn't necessarily have to accept the grant, if awarded.

## NEW BUSINESS

3) Miscellaneous: Susan asked about the writing of a letter to the Randall Family about the Winston Farm research. Peigi suggested asking for the scanning of the material, not necessarily for the donation. Susan, Peigi and Audrey would get together to pen a letter.

Susan asked about Herrick's Bridge. Peigi thought it'd been decided that Mark Smith would write a letter to the Town Board, to be signed by the Commission. Susan read on previous minutes that Stefan suggested waiting a month on this. Susan will follow up with Mark on this.

Paul mentioned that when Clovelea had become an issue, the Town granted resources and allowed a group of volunteers to clean up. Paul suggested it wasn't a bad idea, but should also copy the building department on the letter. Susan suggested a letter with different suggestions for the Town Board to consider in regards to the area surrounding the Bridge.

Jeremy added that he'd been considering, and had been in touch with Mark, about introducing a Community Preservation Law, of which the allowance created was passed by the State Legislature earlier in the year. It would create a tax on real property transfers payable to the Town, which would be used towards preserving community resources of all kinds. A commission must be set up to direct this spending.

In regards to the Winston Farm designation, no one really knew the status. It is believed that the property is locally designated. Jeremy asked if he was allowed, in these times, to use the Town Hall for research. Paul thought that the property had been sold, and had given the purchasing parties information on the Commission. Paul had asked a Town Attorney to look into the status of the approval. Susan thought the Commission should take definitive action on the property's status. Paul suggested reaching out to the Town Attorney.

[Paul exits this Zoom meeting for another Zoom meeting]

Susan directed Jeremy to track down the minutes and try to get some definitive proof one way or another. Peigi remembered that the owners of the Winston Farm property, at the time of the proposed designation, threatened to take legal action against the Town.

Susan also mentioned the "Space Meeting." It was reiterated by Peigi that the material should just be put up with the rest of the Town Material. Ken offered to help with the moving of material. Jeremy asked whether he should purchase acid-free storage boxes. Alba believes that documents put into regular boxes really deteriorate quickly.

1) What Can We Do? Peigi mentioned the she and Audrey will be working on Trumbourville together.

2) NAPC Survey: Alba had trouble printing this out. No one had really looked at it. Jeremy didn't think it was formal having been produced on Survey Monkey, a poll-formation application. Jeremy said he would take the survey (from the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions) on behalf of the commission.

*With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Peigi, and seconded by Alba, to adjourn the meeting, at 6:20pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Russell

Secretary of the Historic Preservation Commission

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## First Covid19 Web-Meeting, April 23, 2020 at 5:00

pm

### Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of January 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes & Februar 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

Room ID: 969-987-8583

### Miscellaneous Business:

- 1.) Health Report
- 2.) Town Board Liaison's Report
- 3.) Secretarial/Financial Report
- 4.) Town Historian's Report (Other than Ramble, see below)

### Old Business:

1. Ramble 2020 Updates
2. Asbury District Updates
3. Saugertieshpc.net
4. Historical Markers Report

### New Business:

1. What can we do?
2. NAPC Survey
3. Other/Miscellaneous

**Next meeting scheduled for May 18th**

## Adjournment

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### Financial Report 2020

Beginning Budget - \$15,000.00

2-24-20: Voucher for Secretary Pay and Conference Costs - \$940.74

Remaining budget = \$14,059.26

3-10-20: Voucher for Neil Larson, Asbury Nomination Project - \$1,500.00

Remaining budget = \$12,559.26

5-1-20: Jeremy Russell & Ken Meyer Jr. returned conference booking funds - \$592.73

Remaining budget = \$13,151.99