

Town of Saugerties Historic Preservation Commission
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Town of Saugerties was held on February 16, 2009 at the Town Hall in Saugerties.

Present: Barry Benepe, Myles Putman, Susan Puretz, Josh Randall, Michael Sullivan Smith

Ex Officio Member: Audrey Klinkenberg

Excused – Leeanne Thornton.

Guests: None

Barry opened the meeting at 7:15 pm.

1. **Minutes of January 19, 2009.** Josh made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Susan. Josh: aye, Michael: aye, Susan; aye, Barry; aye.

Abstention: Myles Putman.

2. **Certified Local Government Status** – Barry will send an e-mail to Leeanne about the status

3. **Renaming of James Brink Property in support of Stephen and Elizabeth's request for Federal and State Historic Site Designation.**

We have received an e-mail from Stephen Shafer. He wishes to change the name of the house to the John Brink, Jr. house. Barry says he will correct the letter of Dec 8, 2008. All references to James Brink farm will be corrected to John Brink, Jr., farm, motion by Barry, seconded by Josh, Josh: aye, Michael: aye, Susan; aye, Barry; aye. Myles: aye. Barry has not yet written the letter.

The forward to Shafer's application was read. Barry asked Michael to add a summary of the connection of the property to Hendrik Hudson.

4. **Report on Stone House Tour.** Susan Puretz asks that we keep the list of homes confidential. A sub committee meeting was held on Feb 12, with Barry, Renata Belville, Jeanné Goldberg and Susan. The funds will be used first to pay for the expenses of the tour and any additional monies will be used for future expenses of the Preservation Commission. Susan will speak with Leeanne Thornton about monies which we may receive. Leeanne has stated that the town will not provide insurance for the event. Gary Newkirk, the town accountant, would be able to answer questions, also Julian Adams, state Preservation Officer for Local Government (SHPO).
Tour time will be 11-5, tour packages may be picked up from 10:45 through 2 pm. The price will be \$10.00 in advance, \$20.00 on tour day.
The home on 25 Old Sawmill Rd. will be omitted this year, since the property owner is not available.

The committee hopes to sell 200 tickets, at Muddy Cup Inquiring Mind, at Smith's Hardware and Hudson Valley Guild Booktrader. The date is May 16, 2009, with a torrential rain date of May 17. Sub committees for were formed to handle the various issues, volunteers, publicity, tickets, hand outs, and the homeowners packet.

Myles was asked to work with Susan for the handouts. Jeanne Goldberg will confirm with the tourist kiosk people to make sure that it is OK to start there. Barry is in charge of tickets and posters, and asked Michael to work with him. Special thanks for Michael who worked with the design and with Timely Signs to make sure it would be executed properly, and for the additional templates of the numbers. Special thanks to Josh, who donated the frames and worked with Timely Signs for size.

There are gifts and books for the homeowners. Susan will host a party at her house for volunteers after the tour. Eight houses will be included, two on the north route will be open, the south route will have one open house. Barry brings up the fact that we need a picture of the Sebring house on Old King's Highway, across from Trumpbour's.

Susan also announced the oral history meeting with Mr. Sauer which will take place on Friday March 6.

5. **Report on Cockburn/Snyder House Designation Public Hearing.** Michael and Josh met with the Sachar's who wanted to put off any public hearing until they and we could speak with Joe Sauer regarding the inclusion of the barns. They received a copy of the preservation ordinance. They were concerned about having to get approvals before they change anything on the exterior. We are talking about an acre or two around the buildings. The public hearing is postponed at this time.
6. **Designation of Niger and Old Carriage Roads.** Josh found the deed dated Oct 30, 1919, where James O. Winston purchased the land from Russell Wynkoop, with the proviso that Mr. Wynkoop could use the road until his demise. The road was decommissioned in 1929. The Commission would like to have photographs of the road. Josh suggested that a public hearing could be held in May meeting on the East West Road or Carriage Road.
7. **Old Business** – Josh would like the Commission to protest that this commission and the Citizens Advisory Committee are not being included in planning for open space. The Commission is supposed to have a say as part of the Master Plan under the Comprehensive Planning Committee and were excluded from the process when it began.

8. **New Business** - Michael has written an article for The Post Star about his video on the History Atlas. He also did an interview for The Saugerties Times.

The next meeting will be held on March 16, 2009, beginning at 7:00 pm at the Saugerties Town Hall.

Josh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Susan. Josh: aye, Michael: aye, Susan; aye, Barry; aye. Myles: aye.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm

Audrey Klinkenberg
Secretary pro tem