

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, April 30, 2007

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

Absent: Michael Smith

Public: John N. Vagianelis, Esq., Carolyn Specht, Ralph Schaller, Michael E. Catalinotto, Pat & Victor Feola, Heather Plonchak & Marti Randall.

1. **Minutes of March Meeting:** Josh moved to accept the March minutes. Susan Puretz seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
2. **Resignation of William Trumbour:** There is a seat available on the board. Barry said that Myles Putnam was interested in the position. Josh moved to make a motion for Terry at the Town Hall to place the ad in the newspaper for the position. Susan Puretz seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
3. **Stephen and Elizabeth Shafer re. James Brink House:** We have previously received a request from the Shafer's for the designation of Anchorage Farm. It's an 18th Century. They have now requested that we put this request on hold.
4. **Jamie Fine on Historic House Tour:** Barry spoke to Jamie Fine about sponsoring a Historic House tour maybe October. The purpose of an historic house tour is to interest people in our resources to experience, this will be for exterior tours. This will enable us to raise funds to support our local Historical Preservation Commission. Susan Puretz said that if Jamie is willing to organize this maybe we should do this. Leeanne said that so far this \$112.20 was spent on our budget for this year. Also, there are different grants out there, and are some that are specifically geared highlighting Saugerties Historic sites.
5. **Proposed Designation of Third Brink House at 501 King's Highway:** Pat & Victor Feola submitted a Historic application for designation. Josh mentioned that they would like to have a Public Hearing on the Third Brink House. Josh moved to have a Public Hearing for the June meeting. Susan Puretz seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Josh said that the house was constructed in 1851. The initials of CMB Cornelius Brink. The earliest portion of the house is 1820.
1. **Continuation of Public Hearing on Winston Hearing:** Marti Randall spoke regarding her rebuttal (a total of 78 pages) to the analysis that Mr. Gilbride brought at the last meeting. Marti read the cover letter to the Commission regarding Mark Ewing Analysis. Marti said to note on page 1, figure 2 as Randy's memory map, it isn't 843.5 acres of land. Page 10 Mr. Ewing made a point on his 10-point analysis; he claimed that the farm was no more than 200 acres. Leeanne asked Marti about the milk bottle that was brought months ago, and Marti said that it was a bottle from the Winston Farm that came from the milk from the cows he raised. Barry asked John Vagianelis, Esq. If the DVD could be part of the testimony; John said yes absolutely it could be used. Barry said that we are in recess now, 8:40 p.m. Reopened the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Michael E. Catalinotto spoke saying that the Schaller Family doesn't want the designation. Leeanne said that in the attic storage area of the Town Hall, they came across all of the Environmental studies, Archeological study; it's there in a box called Winston Farm.

Josh mentioned that there were 6 boxes of information at the Ulster County Health Dept., we are aware of. Josh said that the Town of Saugerties Preservation Commission has had meetings in regard to the Winston Farm for the past two years.

Josh made a motion, and Susan seconded the motion and all were in favor, to close the public hearing on the Winston Farm. Barry said the Historic Preservation Commission has 62 days (June 18th) for a decision.

The vote was as follows:

Josh Randall – Yes

Susan Puretz – Yes

Barry Benepe – Yes

2. **Proposed Designation of Clark Van Vlierden House at 311 Clark Van Vlierden Road:** Barry said it does meet criteria 1, that period of history well. Josh made a motion not to have a Public Hearing for the Clark Van Vlierden House to make a designation for the house at this time. Susan Puretz seconded the motion.

8. **Proposed visit to Ashokan Dam on May 2nd:** He is the grandson of Tom Winston, Sr. Barry, Josh, Susan & Marti Randall said they would be going to the Ashokan Dam. Leeanne said that 2 people from the Town of Saugerties would also be attending.

9. **Report from Susan Puretz on City of Poughkeepsie Application and Landmark Nomination:** Susan gave Leeanne a copy of the draft copy of the Application for the lawyers to look at, and maybe revise.

10. **Old Business:** Josh reported on the symposium, Livingston, Vanderbilt, F.D.R., John R. Livingston, had basically call of Columbia, Greene and some of Ulster County. The Clermont Historic site is 500 acres. Karlyn sent the Commission e-mail "Stone by Stone" a book; Josh picked the book up and read this very interesting book.

Adjournment: Josh Randall moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Susan Puretz, and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be held, Monday, May 21st @ 7:00 p.m.

Cheryl Van Schaack, Recording Secretary