

Subj: Minutes for October 25, 2004 Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission  
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## MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Town of Saugerties was held October 25, 2004.

The following members were present: Barry Benepe, Michael Sullivan Smith, W. Clay Trumpbour, William H. Trumpbour, Karlyn Knaust Elia and Leanne Thornton. A list of everyone attending the meeting is attached.

Barry said that he had spoken to Mrs. Richards from Opus 40, which is now on the State and Federal Register of Historic Places, and that she was supportive of the added protection that it would have as a local landmark. A motion was made and seconded to schedule a designation hearing at the Commission's next meeting on November 22nd.

There was discussion about designating Savage Road. Barry asked Karlyn to do the research necessary. She asked him why he felt it was necessary to have it designated. His response was that it was the Town's only historic road, reportedly used as a bypass of the 19th Century toll booth once located where the parking lot sits for the Saugerties Lumber Company, and reportedly was the location of an Afro-American community, a road which remains in its original unimproved condition, passing through the historic Winston Farm. He believed that it needed to be protected against inappropriate widening and paving, which was considered by Schott Mines when it applied for a mining permit later denied by the Town. Other roads were also brought up, including Patch Road and Fish Creek Road. Bill Trumpbour said he was under the impression that it was a private road because it is not possible all the way through. This being the case, perhaps it could be designated as a trail. Leanne also felt there might be a safety issue because it is not totally accessible to the police and firemen. Residents bordering on the road have put up a gate, and the Town plows as far as the private property.

Victor and Pat Feola, who own an historic house at 501 Kings Highway, asked for an explanation as to the advantages and disadvantages of having property designated. Barry explained that only changes to the exterior of the structure are subject to review by the Commission, but interior changes are not unless it is a business property. He added that listing on the State and Federal Registers of Historic Places would provide added protection against projects utilizing State or Federal funds, such as highway widening which they believed was proposed for the NYS Thruway, possibly for the scheduled underground transmission line. Also, Central Hudson has a 15 foot easement for a gas line across the property.

Barry reported that Mark Colligan spoke with him about a problem with the load capacity his engineer has raised affecting the second floor of the Wynkoop House. He has looked at the Hoffman House in Kingston and Hasbrouck House in New Paltz, which are restaurants, and found they do not use their second story. Also, the issue of

landscaping has not been resolved.

Also, that in a phone conversation, Robert Kodsi reported that he received an estimate for an historic structure report of the Eligh House of \$20,000.00 and that he would rather put the money into restoring the structure. Barry suggested he seek a second estimate and that an historic structure report was essential to understanding what constituted the original historic fabric of the house. Dr. Kodsi also said that he had located a Dutch barn which he would like to erect on the site of the existing collapsed English barn. This proposal will have to be reviewed by the Commission at the appropriate time.

Josh Randall reported that Steve and Abby Schiff own a lot next door to the Hanzl house. They are erecting a 2-story modular colonial style house with a center hall which is very attractive and very much in keeping with the neighborhood.

Bill Nieffer, representing the Katsbaan Dutch Reformed Church, once again looked for advice as to how the Church property should be handled--i.e. should the Church be separated from the Hall and parsonage. There were no definite conclusions reached.

Karlynn brought up the subject of the possible necessity of an archeological dig on the 70 acre major subdivision proposed on Route #32 in the Hamlet of Saxton. She has a newspaper article by Grant D. Morse back in the 1930's which described remains of a prehistoric animal found on that land. The original original parcel was 80 acres of which the owner plans to retain 10 acres. There are two plans being proposed by the developer for the remaining 70 acres, 9.08 acres of which are designated wetlands. If the sensitive overlay can be removed, he will build 32 houses. If it is not removed, he will build 14 homes on 4 acre lots. Josh reported that there were 3 pieces of petrified wood found in Story's field adjacent to this property which disintegrated when handled.

Barry suggested we designate the Katsbaan Church, the Church Hall and Cemetery. He assured Bill Nieffer there would be no controls exercised on the Cemetery. Bill Trumbour made a motion to designate which was seconded and carried. It was further explained to Bill Nieffer that a copy of any building permit would be sent to the Commission by the building inspector. Bill said that he had reservations about the work of the Commission when he first spoke to the members at the August 23rd meeting, but that he has come to have a "good feeling" about the work they will be doing and that they will cooperate with the local residents and be helpful to them.

Michael is to have a letterhead and a draft of the Request for Designation at the next meeting.

Barry asked Clay to contact Bill Krattinger @oprhp.state.ny.us. to get information on guidelines for creating historic districts from the National Park Service.

The next meeting of the Commission will be November 22, 2004.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

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Secretary