

Historic Preservation Commission

May 15, 2017

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Minutes

Present: Barry Benepe, Susan Puretz vice-chair, Stefan Yarabek, Chair

Absent: Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Historian; Myles Putman; Bill Schirmer, Town Liaison;
Michael Sullivan Smith

Meeting was called to order at 5:05pm. After some discussion, Susan Puretz reluctantly agreed to be the Secretary Pro Tem while the search continues for an HPC official secretary.

1. Minutes of April 26, 2017: Motion to approve was made (Benepe/Yarabek). Action:
Unanimous Vote to approve.

2. Planning Board Referral of Kaaterskill Solar: There was much discussion about this agenda item. The major issues raised all indicated that the HPC is very concerned about the impact of this project on documented historical resources which the Commission is empowered to protect.

The following motion was proposed:

MOTION (Benepe/Puretz):

Whereas on May 15, 2017 the HPC reviewed the application packet provided by the Planning Board in their referral of the Kaaterskill Solar Proposal to the Commission; and

Whereas the HPC after careful study and discussion of the documents have concluded that: The proposed Industrial use in the historically sensitive and protected agricultural area of Old Kings Highway which is itself an historic entity will negatively impact the view shed of and from the historic houses on and around Old Kings Highway; therefore

Be it resolved that the Town of Saugerties Historic Preservation Commission recommends a negative vote by the Planning Board on this proposal.

ACTION: Unanimously approved.

3. Osterhoudt House C of A:

After discussion (including a review of the minutes of January, 2017 and March 2017 re the Osterhoudt Certificate of Appropriateness), it was decided again that NO C of A was required since the request is to replace an existing roof in the same way. The Commission asked that Stefan, as Chairperson, communicate that information to the Building Department.

4. Old Business:

a. Lucette Runsdorf Stone House Visit: Susan informed the Commission that Lucette had suggested two dates and several times on those dates. Calendars were checked and availability dully noted. Susan will send out an email asking about the availability of the absent HPC members and will then get back to Lucette.

b. Blue Mountain Church District: Susan gave Barry the email correspondence with the Deacon Rick Downey of the Blue Mountain Church to follow up on their initial request for contact (which was later found out to be a spiritual contact and not a historic designation contact.)

5. New Business: No New Business.

Motion to Adjourn (Michael/Barry) moved at 6:00pm. Action: Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Poretz, Secretary Pro Tem