

Minutes of May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Town of Saugerties.

This was the regularly scheduled meeting for the last Friday of the month. Present were Commissioners Elizabeth Shafer, Berry Bennepe, Michael Sullivan Smith. Leanne Thornton and Peter Sinclair were also present. Wendy Ricks appeared to submit and discuss plans presented to the Planning Board for subdivision of the 2.2-acre lot of the Wyncoop House. Barry placed on agenda the beginning of designation of properties on the State and National Registries and the Augusta Savage house was discussed.

The Wyncoop house subdivision was for three lots so the owner could cluster three commercial buildings, one the historic Wyncoop house and the two others to be constructed, around a common parking area. The owner desired the potential of a future sale or land lease for the two separated lots for financing the Wyncoop house project. Discussion ranged from traffic patterns of parking area to design of any construction to be sympathetic with the original use of the Wyncoop house and its location on a highway that has been in continual use since the earliest Colonial period. Discussion ended with Barry offering to re-work traffic patterns as presented.

Wendy Ricks, one of the owners of the Wyncoop house, requested that the Commission supply her with an application form for a Certificate of Appropriateness. This, and other operational documents, are to be established by the Commission and she was told that this is yet to be done.

Augusta Savage house was discussed mainly for its present state of nonconformance to most stated criteria for designation. The relationship to Augusta Savage, an artist, was mainly in the shed studio on the property. The house itself had been altered extensively over the years since she had resided there. This discussion was put off until more information from the present owner was made available.

The meeting was adjourned.

Michael Sullivan Smith, Acting Secretary