



**TOWN OF SAUGERTIES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24th, 2020 MEETING**

Present: Commission Chair Stefan Yarabek, Vice-Chair Susan Poretz; Commission Members Alba LaFiandra, Peigi Mulligan, Ken Myer, Jr., Commission Alternate Jason Nelson, Town Historian Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Board Liaison Paul Andreasson, Secretary Jeremy Russell.

Excused: none

(Minutes appear in chronological order. Numbering of items refer to the agenda for the meeting, which is attached)

The Commission met in the conference room adjacent to the Building Department offices of the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chair Stefan Yarabek at 5:02 pm.

After the Call to Order, it was acknowledged that the minutes were sent too late for anyone to read over, and every member noticed corrections to make, including the Secretary, so it was decided to postpone the acceptance of minutes.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1) Town Historian's Report (Other Than Ramble, see below): Audrey is working on scanning minutes of the Village of Saugerties from 1855 - 1872, which will then be transcribed. Peigi believes that after an attorney named Benjamin Koontz, who practiced in the village, died, someone rifled through his files and found these minutes. They returned them to the Village. Audrey corrected her and said that that was the 1831 - 1841 set of minutes. There's a gap - a missing book - between 1841-1855. Stefan complimented her and said it was invaluable work.

2) Town Board Liaison's Report: Paul thanked Jeremy for his narrative-based philosophy on the production of the minutes. Paul announced that the Town Board had a moment of silence for Marti Randall, an instrumental volunteer researcher who often shared her work with the Commission.

Susan asked if Paul had followed up on two things from the January meeting. The first was storage space in the Town Hall: nothing had really changed. The last few years were rehashed. Fed up, Susan started to make a motion to form a subcommittee to figure out a solution once and for all. Alba asked if the Commission still planned on claiming a section in the upstairs storage space. After some discussion, Paul thought this would be the best course of action. Peigi asked if other departments rented storage space. Paul mentioned that one department had rented space for 6 years for about \$400.00 annually. Peigi asked if the Lamb Center could be used to store records. Paul said it was quite possibly an option. Susan mentioned that Lifespring has earmarked \$1,000.00 for storage space, payable to the Town, although it must meet certain archival conditions.

*Susan made a motion to form a subcommittee to work on archival space, and the motion was seconded by Peigi. The subcommittee would be Susan, Peigi, Alba, and Paul. **The resolution passed, 5-0, with none opposed.***

OLD BUSINESS

1) Update: Kevin Pendergast NYS Blue & Gold Sign Request - Col. Donlon Nominate Other Sites/People, Pomeroy Grants: Kevin has not heard yet from the Village. Audrey had e-mailed Kevin with information about the Historic District in the Village, and Kevin has made an inquiry with Lisa Mayone, Village Clerk.

*Addendum - Stefan remembered that Jeremy should inform Terri, Secretary of the Supervisor, of the end of Peigi's and Ken's terms. Paul suggested that Stefan request privilege of the floor for the next Town Board meeting to address the Commission's work and plans. Audrey said that she'd like to participate at the next Town Board meeting as well. The Board meets every first and third week of every month at 7:00 p.m. Paul said that the press is usually there. Peigi thought that for public relations purposes, that the Commission should periodically address the Town Board .

2) Stone House Ramble Event/2020 HRVNHA Grant Application Done: A grant was submitted to Hudson River Valley National Heritage for the Ramble event in September. Stefan found out that the American Legion was not available for the September 19th date, and the date, by mutual agreement, had since been changed to September 12th. Stefan indicated that he has been thinking about renting a table at the Garlic Festival, and perhaps the Mum Festival, to distribute any promotional material that may come out of the Ramble event. Jeremy volunteered to spend some time at a booth for the Garlic Festival. Jeremy mentioned that his father, who Jeremy believes gets information mixed up sometimes, thought that one cannot have a booth at the Garlic Festival unless you are selling something. That was quickly dismissed.

Audrey met with William Murphy, the mayor of the Village, who'd given her the green light for the project. He asked if any permits were needed. Audrey will get back to him on that. She spoke to Mike Karashay, who said that the R.A.Snyder Hose Company would be happy to have their museum open and their parade couch out. William Payne, from the American Legion Post 72 will have their museum open. Patrick Landewe, from the Saugerties Lighthouse, felt that September 12th is much better than the 19th, which is the highest tide of the year. There will be a greeter at the Lighthouse. Brian Donohue will have a display of Augusta Savage at Inquiring Minds. The Bigelow house will be rented during the September 12th event and will not be available. Trinity Church will be open. Patrick Wadden of Arm-of-the-Sea wants to produce a show, but he has not been contacted since the dates have changed, though that might not be of consequence. Audrey, after some consultation with Marjory Block, does not think that the Saugerties Historical Society is able to be involved for that particular date.

*Susan made a motion, seconded by Stefan, that the Ramble event officially be designated as taking place on September 12th. **The resolution passed, 5-0, with none opposed.***

Audrey spoke to the President of the Friends of Historic Kingston, who also produces Ramble events in Rondout and Kingston, and she said that for the most part, the guidebook for the New York State Ramble magically finds out about an event and posts it - which is to say that she wasn't quite sure how it happens. (There is a form that organizations participating in the ramble fill out...that information then becomes part of the ramble's publicity.

<https://www.hudsonrivervalleyramble.com/ramble> and to submit an event
<https://www.hudsonrivervalleyramble.com/ramble/submit-your-event>)

Susan recalled the Stone House resolution and planned ceremony to coincide with the Ramble, which will likely take place at the Saugerties Farmers Market. Alba thought that Farmers Market could start advertising the event as soon as they open for the season. Stefan asked Jeremy to write to Greenway to see if they normally provide materials to distribute promoting Greenways and Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. Jeremy mentioned that he'd spoken to Chronogram, and they were interested in making a proposal to the Commission for next month's meeting. They also invited the Commission to the Dutch Ale House for their March issue release party, the time being March 3rd, 5-7 pm.

[Paul Exits telling jokes]

Brief interlude as Jason describes Winn Morrison's building and Peigi proposes the newly formed subcommittee as being named the "Space Force Subcommittee."

3) NYSOPRHP Conference: Ken and Jeremy will be going to the Statewide Preservation Conference of 2020. Jeremy booked two rooms at the Jefferson Clinton Hotel for the two nights at the conference, as Marriott, the location of the conference, had been fully booked. Jeremy wondered if he would be required to pay larger billed items and seek reimbursement. Audrey and Stefan explained that one can just file bills in the same process as vouchers have been processed – signed by the Chair, Town Board Liaison, and given to the Treasurer's office.

4) Asbury District Larson Correspondence: Neil Larson has been moving forward with both a CLG grant and the Asbury District nomination. He had been traveling and unreachable for the past week or so. The latest issue of the *Woodstock Times* divulged that he is moving to Minnesota. Stefan is seeking clarification on whether Neil can finish the district. Susan suggested doing the latter half of the district nomination in-house by the members of the commission.

Stefan and Susan talked about Neil's past work. Susan asked if the Winston Farm and Snyder Farm designations had been added to the State CRIS. Stefan said the Commission may consider alternatives to the second phase of the Asbury District.

Jeremy mentioned that the Preservation League of NY has a grant available and it's due in April, and Jeremy thought he could do it.

5) CHG&E: An e-mail was forwarded by Vernon Benjamin, and it was thought that the Central Hudson Gas and Electric Company had settled their sightlines matter, in which Myles Putman was involved, in an amicable fashion.

6) Marti Randall: Susan felt concerned about contacting Marti's daughter about the discussions they had about the research material. Audrey volunteered to try and reach Jen Jablonski to recover the Randall's work concerning the Winston Farm.

7) Other Old Business:

a) Mark Smith followed up by email with Susan about the land near Harrick's Bridge and posited as to whether there was a way to raise money for the clean-up of the mess on the land. Ken had done some research and found that the owner of the property buys vacant foreclosed parcels throughout the county. Stefan suggested having Mark Smith write a letter to the Town Board, copying the Commission so they could add his support. Susan asked if they should do this now – Stefan said the Commission should wait until next month.

b) Susan found the minutes where Winston Farm was approved for designation – Jeremy will be looking for the minutes of the Town Board to see if they have received those minutes and ultimately, what happened at the Town regarding the designation.

NEW BUSINESS

1) CLG 2018 & 2019 Annual Report: The item had already been discussed earlier in the meeting.

2) CLG Grant Applicaiton: The item had already been discussed earlier in the meeting.

3) Other New Business:

a) Jeremy found the historical marker of Ulster County, which Audrey said belongs in West Camp.

b) Alba passed out an article that had been printed in the New York Times concerning Historic Preservation.

c) Jeremy had purchased the rights to saugertieshpc.net, and will be working on it.

d) Susan asked about making an app for the phone for the Ramble, alongside the brochure. Jeremy believed it was part of Chronogram's proposal. Peigi said that Gus Pedersen has an app that takes his location and places him on an 1875 Beers Map.

e) Jeremy talked to Michael Nelson about licensing his material for the website. Jeremy then asked how he should go about getting photographs for the website, for the ramble, etc. Audrey suggested a friend with a drone, and Peigi suggested Chester Hartwell. Jeremy then asked if the Commission was planning a Mock Ramble, and that he could possibly take pictures during that. Susan mentioned Nancy Campbell's work. Jeremy said the Commission could also set up a Facebook page to crowdsource photographs.

f) Peigi told Ken that Jack Wilsey told her that Daniel Lamb had all the Mountain View Cemetery information. Audrey thinks she took it all to the Funeral Home.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Stefan, and seconded by Peigi, to adjourn the meeting, at 6:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Russell

Secretary of the Historic Preservation Commission

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Peigi Mulligan
Jason Nelson (alternate)
Audrey Klinkenberg -
Town Historian, ex officio

Regular Meeting, February 24, 2020 at 5 pm

Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of January 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Miscellaneous Business

Town Historian's Report (Other than Ramble, see below)

Town Board Liaison's Report

Other announcements

Old Business:

1. Update: Kevin Pendergast NYS Blue & Gold Sign Request- Col Donlon
Nominate Other Sites/People. Pomeroy Grants
2. Stone House Ramble Event/2020 HRVNHA Grant Application Done
3. NYSOPRHP Conference
4. Asbury District Larson Correspondence
5. CHG&E
6. Marti Randall
7. Other Old Business

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2. CLG Grant Application
3. Other New Business

Next meeting scheduled for March 16, 2020

Adjournment