

Historic Preservation Commission
October 17, 2011
Building Department Conference Room
Minutes

Present: Josh Randall, Michael Sullivan Smith, Barry Benepe, Myles Putman, Susan Puretz

Ex Officio: Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Historian

Town Board Liaison: Jimmy Bruno, who asked to be excused before the meeting started.

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Josh Randall at 7:08.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting: Michael Sullivan Smith made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction of one typo, seconded by Susan Puretz. Josh Randall, aye; Michael Sullivan Smith, aye; Barry Benepe, aye; Myles Putman, aye; Susan Puretz, aye. Unanimous approval.

2. Discussion and Vote on Opus 40 designation: In support of the owners recognition of the importance of Opus 40 and to reinforce the owner's desire to protect not only the sculpture site but the surrounding parcels as well it was moved by Michael Sullivan Smith that the Commission designate the sections of the property known as Opus 40 which have not been previously designated.

The five properties that are being designated as the Opus 40 Historic Landmark District include; (a) the current town of National historic Registered Opus 40, Inc. (SBL # 28.1-5-10) sculpture site; (b) and c) the view shed properties owned by Opus 40, Inc. (SBL # 28.1-2-24.2 and SBL # 28.1-5-2); (d) lands still under related ownership adjacent to Opus 40 (SBL # 28.1-5-3) that form the scenic backdrop to the Opus 40 sculpture site; and created by Harvey Fite known as the "Quarryman's Museum" and the landscaped property they occupy (SBL # 28.1-5-9). Together these five properties would be designated one comprehensive Saugerties historical landmark district.

Seconded by Susan Puretz. Michael stated that the area should be called the Opus 40 Historic District since it includes several tax lots. Much discussion

ensued. The law which is being followed is Section 5A (1), (2) and (5) of the Historic Preservation Ordinance of the Town of Saugerties and Section 5B (1) and (2) which is the community standard for a Landmark District. The chair requested a vote: Josh Randall, aye; Michael Sullivan Smith, aye; Barry Benepe, aye; Myles Putman, aye; Susan Poretz, aye. Unanimous approval.

3. Utica Conference Report, Myles Putman: Myles deferred his report to the end of the meeting. Presented at that time. Myles went to a planners convention in Utica. He showed via the computer and projection, a copy of the paper which was presented, which discussed the historically designated sites in nine counties in New York State.

4. FY 2011 CLG Grant (Josh changed the date that was printed in the distributed agenda) . Josh distributed a copy of an email sent from Josh to Lorraine Weiss and Julian Adams of SHPO. In addition he distributed Final Report Instructions for the grant.

5. FY 2012 CLG Grant (Josh changed the date, that was printed in the distributed agenda). Josh distributed an email for the 2012 application sent by Lorraine Weiss and the application for the 2012 grant.

6. Oral History Project (possibly incorporated as part of FY 2011 Grant) Susan reported that Audrey and she had done an oral history with Joseph Sauer several years ago. The interview did not go as well as expected and additionally, the tape machine was unable to pick up the conversation. The possibility of involving the Saugerties Public Library was discussed and will be investigated with the library director. Susan mentioned that Jeanne Goldberg is willing to help write a grant proposal for this project.

7. Old Business: Josh notified the Commission that there are sufficient copies of the tri-fold "Preserving Our Heritage" for distribution with the final guidelines.

Barry asked that the Commission have a listing of the actions, i. e. public hearings, designations and certificates of appropriateness. Josh plans to do this.

8. New Business: Susan Poretz announced that the Historic House Tour Committee will have its first meeting on Thursday, October 20.

Adjournment 9:00 pm

Audrey Klinkenberg

Secretary

