

Subj: **Minutes of January 24, 2005 Meeting of Preservation Commission**
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MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held January 24, 2005.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barry Benepe, with the following Commission members present: Barry Benepe, William Trumpbour, Josh Randall, Michael Smith and Leanne Thornton. A list of everyone attending the meeting is attached.

The minutes of the December 27, 2004 meeting were read and unanimously approved.

Barry reported that he spoke to Ernie Anderson about the Katsbaan Cemetery Association designation. It has been deferred until June, 2005.

Barry read a sample letter used by New York City as their designation letter and also letters which were sent out periodically prior to designation. Sample copies of these letters have been attached to these minutes. There was some question as to whether or not the Historical Preservation Request Form is overlapping on archeology with the DEC.

There was a discussion about the Request for Designation letter and attached forms which Marti Randall very kindly had put together for the Commission. A couple of changes were suggested, and it was decided that a copy of the present forms should be sent to the members of the Commission to study. Once again Marti came to the rescue and offered to do this for the Commission.

Leanne reported she is having a Town organization chart put on the Saugerties Website. Everyone thought this was an excellent idea.

There was some discussion about the working draft dated November 22, 2004 for Historic Property Guidelines. Leanne suggested that the section on Subdivisions was very general, and that cemeteries should be mentioned. Barry felt that we should look into tax benefits for the cost of approved restoration on designated buildings which, under this proposal, would be exempt from increased assessment.

Barry suggested that the lane which goes by the Savage House might be the early 18th century road linking to the west side of the Wynkoop House. However, this needs to be factually established if we are to recommend designation. Opinions to this effect were expressed to him last summer by Dick Duncan, the owner of the Savage House, and Peter Sinclair. However, Peter was not too firm on this at our last meeting, and it needs further investigation and other informed opinions from Karlyn, Miles Putnam and Michael Smith.

Leanne reported that Mark Colligan is interested in doing a weed bed project at the

Wynkoop House. Bill Trumbour explained that there was a fantastic spring on the property which at some point was filled in and that this could cause a problem for such a project. Barry explained that they are still looking for a good contemporary design for the new construction which will compliment the old stone house.

Michael Smith presented the Commission members with a copy of his treatise "An Argument for a Palatine Historic District" for an historic district based on Palatine settlement. He also had some very interesting maps to back up his argument which the Commission members enjoyed perusing. This will no doubt be discussed in great detail at future meetings.

There was some discussion about what should be on the agenda in the future. It was felt that maps which will show the historical development of the Town should be first on the list.

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

**Eliner W. Trumbour
Secretary**