

Historic Preservation Commission

October 26, 2009

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Town of Saugerties was held on October 26, 2009 at the Senior Citizens Center. This meeting included a public hearing on the designation of Augusta Savage Road as a historic road.

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

Ex Officio member: Audrey Klinkenberg

Excused: Myles Putman

Guest: Marti Randall

Barry opened the meeting at 7:10 pm

Minutes of the September 21, 2009 meeting – Following review, Josh made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Susan. Barry: aye; Susan: aye; Michael: aye; Josh: aye. Motion passed.

Continuation of the Public Hearing on the designation of Augusta Savage Road.

Present for the hearing:

Marjorie Greenburg Vaughn, the first speaker, resides on Hommelville Road. Marjorie is in favor of designation of Augusta Savage Road. The path has been used for centuries and should be open to the public. Her statement is attached.

^{a p} Barbara Keisick, ^{ed "} was the second speaker ~~and wants to~~ add that from what appears to be happening on the property of the Winston Farm, we should do our utmost to preserve what ever we can on the farm, which is a safe area, even for seniors, to bike and walk. Possibly, by keeping this an historic site, we will continue to have this available. "

^{and said "I} Susan Weeks, who lives in Saugerties at 459 Stoll Road, Saugerties was the third speaker. She is in favor of making this road a historic path. ~~She hopes that it will be declared a historic path and kept as a country lane.~~ The road was used by Indians, black Americans and white settlers. "

^{she said} The fourth speaker was Marti Randall. ^I There is one thing to keep in mind, that the road, as it stands today, is not the Augusta Savage Road, which deviates from the east west road. It is an old farm road of Winston Farm, it is old and ancient but not as ancient as the east west road. The road has been misnamed. ~~Marti hopes that the names of the roads and their locations will be cleared up so that we do not lose the true east west road.~~ "

Josh Randall ^{has} a clarification regarding the western portion of the east west road near Buffalo and Lodge Road. There is a proposed road extension from the end of the Buffalo Road to the 40 acre parcel the Shaller's own west of the power line. The town receives highway support from both state and federal funds to maintain the road up to the barn as one comes off Lodge Road.

Any road beyond that is not a town road. A subdivision map filed in 1988 at the County Clerk's Office, shows the road as an extension of Buffalo Road, (also called Buffalo Lane) near the Robinson property. The road bed, as it is delineated on the subdivision map, shows the edges of the road as 50 feet wide.

Marti Randall responded stating that this goes right back to the argument that the money was originally attached to the east west road. Josh said that the Augusta Savage Road is not the same as the east west road.

Steve Samuels, Saugerties resident, also spoke in support of the preservation of this road, ^{if} stating ~~that~~ we need more off highway roads in our town, including paths and hiking trails for the residents of the town. "

Audrey Klinkenberg stated that this road was also used as the shortest distance from the river to the upper Catskills, for tourism, from the Saugerties Post, dated November, 1898.

Josh moved that the hearing be closed, seconded by Susan Puretz. Barry: aye; Susan: aye; Michael: aye; Josh: aye. Motion passed.

Report from Susan Puretz on proposed 2010 "Sticks and Stones" tour. The first meeting for the preparation, with Barry Benepe, Jeanne Goldberg, Renete Belville and Susan Puretz in attendance, was held on October 23, 2009 and included a discussion of the possible homes to be viewed. May 22, 2010 will be the date for the tour with a torrential rain date of May 23. A final decision as to the name of the tour is still to be made. The various members of the commission will be asked to read the descriptions of the homes and Myles will be asked to work on the mapping. The committee is considering using the 300th anniversary of the Palatine immigration as a base. Barry noted that the Ricks house and the Van Vlierden house also came up for discussion. Other homes came up for discussion at tonight's meeting including the Hanzel home. There is a Dederick cemetery on their property, also the Christian Myer house, which is presently not available for interior tour. Michael stated that there are also houses in Flatbush, the Washburn House, and two Osterhoudt homes. The next meeting of this sub committee is Nov 19, at 2 pm. There will be a drive by of homes on Nov 4, 2009.

Report from Michael Sullivan Smith on Certified Local Government (CLG) required report from Historic Preservation Commission due by December 15, 2009.

There is a CLG hand book, just published this year, which gives the responsibilities of the Commission members, and the qualifications for members.

~~November 15, 2009 is the deadline for the annual report.~~

Every four years an audit is required. This is also due in 2009.

Lorraine Weiss sent an e-mail requesting the annual audit (report) We do not yet have a list of the instructions. Barry has asked Michael to take care of this report. Michael will speak with Richard Frisbie, chair of the Village Historic Review Board.

The new issue of the Landmarker, issue 13, is very interesting.

Barry asks if each member should have a note book with identical contents.

Barry asked Josh to make an index of his workbook. It is suggested that the workbook has a copy of the form for each designated property. There are 10 state and federal properties which have been designated within the confines of the Town of Saugerties. For the properties that are designated locally, we need to have a lot line of each property and location of buildings on the property. We also need photographs from all four sides, of each building. The photos must be taken every five years. Josh stated that we should have photos and information about the designation on-line. The designation form that is found on-line needs to be updated. We also do not have our certificate of appropriateness on line.

Michael will speak with Richard Frisbie about the contents of a workbook.

Barry asked Josh to bring in a list of all the things that we need to do to update the website. Barry asked Josh to make copies of each document which will be voted on next month. Michael will assist.

The Certificate of Appropriateness also needs some work. We need to approve the criteria.

Correspondence from Julian Adams. When we schedule a hearing on the Old Carriage Road, since the road follows the village/town line, we should invite the Historic Review Board from the village, and the road should be a joint designation.

Kelly Myers offered some members of the Commission the opportunity to visit her property on Washburn Terrace.

Barry will get a form letter ready for each designated property in the town, which must be mailed with a certificate of appropriateness.

At the next meeting we will act on the designation of Augusta Savage Road. We have 62 days in which to determine whether we will designate of the road. We should stick to the definition as the state gave it up to Buffalo Road. After discussion it was decided that the Commission will seek designation of the east west road as

it exists wholly within the property called The Winston Farm, excluding Buffalo Lane. The designation will include the road from the beginning of the Winston Farm property on the west to the intersection of the road with Augusta Savage Road, at the gate.

Josh made a motion that we preclude any other hearing dates until we have all other issues out of the way, including the paper work. Seconded by Michael. Barry: aye; Michael: aye; Josh: aye. Motion passed.

Calendar the public hearing on proposed designation of Winston Mansion. This agenda item was omitted as a result of the above motion made by Josh Randall.

Other old business. None.

Josh made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm, seconded by Susan. Barry: aye; Susan: aye; Michael: aye; Josh: aye. Motion passed.

Audrey Klinkenberg
Secretary