

Historic Preservation Commission  
July 18, 2016  
Building Department Conference Room  
Draft Minutes

Present: Stefan Yarabek, chair, Susan Puretz, Vice Chair, Myles Putman, Michael Sullivan Smith

Liaison: Bill Schirmer, vice-chair

Excused: Barry Benepe

Secretary: Amy McClure

Meeting was called to order by the chair at: 5:09pm.

Michael makes a motion to accept the minutes as corrected of the June 20, 2016. Susan seconded that motion.

Relating to the, Verizon Zoning Board of Appeals application resolution, (Farber Farm- Lindquist) and neighboring Dutch barn (Levin )- discussions ensued and Susan brought a motion to the table that was then discussed and decided by all unnecessary and the final motion, made by Susan was, to forward the original motion to the Verizon ZBA, "cc'ing" the planning board. Myles seconded the motion. Stefan,aye. Michael, aye. Myles, aye. Susan, aye. Motion Passed.

Stefan now has a protocol with Lisa Stanley, regarding sending out notices like the registered letters sent out for the public hearing for the Osterhout house. Myles suggested that we follow the same protocol as other towns do for their public hearing mailings. We are to send out the mailings regarding public hearings to designate a house, and then after the designation, we then send out another notice stating the house has been designated. Lisa Stanley will get the notice of designation. She will then dispatch that notice to the assessor, and they will look up the addresses of the surrounding properties. So from now on, the Town Clerk will receive all the documentation associated with this protocol.

2a: Susan made a motion that the Chair of the HPC email a letter to the Building Department, to include the HPC in the loop whenever a property of greater than 50 years puts an application before the Building Department or Planning Board. This property does not have to be designated for the HPC to review the application, it is the age that is important. Stefan seconded this motion. Stefan,aye. Michael, aye. Myles, aye. Susan, aye. Motion Passed.

Proposed designation of Winston Farm and Anchorage Farm update: Winston Farm should be considered. Stefan said we can resubmit the original forms. Susan feels we would want to modify the original. Susan also stated that there was originally two applications, one turned down immediately, then the HPC did another application following all the rules. Stefan suggests that we take the second application, with the town's response, and ask SHPO how to make the application stronger, ask for their support, so it can pass and be designated. Michael has most of the information needed. Michael will get a copy of the second

application to Stefan, Susan wondered if we were ever answered in writing the reasons why Winston Farm designation was denied. The HPC wants to go for designating the Winston Farm again!! Anchorage Farm is locally designated, but not federally. Why was it rejected federally? The application was sent in by Stephan Shaffer. If Stefan is agreeable we will re submit that application to SHPO. This is Stephan and Elizabeth Shaffers property. Susan is looking to Lisa Stanley for a copy for the turn down letter for the designation of Opus 40, to see the findings or justifications of the denial. If there are no findings she would like SHPO to step in and officially have Opus 40 officially declared locally. Michael feels like the information might be in the minutes of a Saugerties Town Board meeting, he doesn't think there was any following of findings. Just that it was not designated.

Stefan would like an update on this year's audit from SHPO.

3. Proposed designation of Stone Houses and School Houses update Stone House designation is going to take some work. As per the meeting with the state, they said a district wide, bundle form, designation of Stone Houses. Saugerties may have the largest concentration of stone houses in New York. A town wide designation will not restrict the homeowner. School Houses: Also, as a district wide designation. We have enough documentation, all the numbers and locations. The issue is who will care for the School Houses once they are designated? Susan will contact Linda Mackey about the town wide designation, and one room School Houses. The Jeremiah Russell School House: Greg Helsmoortel has knowledge on this house, Bill stated. The family is willing to give it away. Bill said that the Town does not want the School House. The Commission also discussed the Christian Myer House. Michael feels that this house would be better for the Town to acquire than the Jeremiah Russell House because it was structurally sound. Bill also said that the Town has no money in the budget to acquire this house, unless funding could be found. Stefan suggested, maybe SHPO would help- the Commission will recommend.

4. Grant rejections: Stefan thanked Susan for her work on the grant applications. Susan wrote a letter to SHPO of her dislike of the rejections. She will send Stefan the letter for a second look. The commission will re apply the survey grant next year. Will discuss next meeting when Barry is present.

5 Old Business: Susan brought up from the June agenda that HPC needs to send in the State audit for the past years, 2012, 2013, and 2014. They need our "high points" of the minutes and any designations of those years. All minutes are on line on the Town website. Michael stated that we do not have any alternates for this commission. In 2012, we voted for alternates. The HPC needs younger people to be interested in the preservation of Saugerties, even if these people do not have a voting right. Bill thinks we should read up on the ordinance to see if it permits a voting alternate. If not, he then recommends for the HPC to make a recommendation to the Town Board to change the law to allow a voting alternate. Michael feels that we need committees. Perhaps, these committees can be made up from people who are just willing to serve the community, like people Michael meets at the Saugerties Farmers Market. We will table this alternate discussion at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2016. The HPC will be notified if this meeting is cancelled, two weeks before the date by Stefan.

Barry needs to write a report on the Osterhout House before the deadline.

The meeting was motioned to close by Stefan at 6:39.