

Historic Preservation Commission
Building Department Conference Room
August 18, 2014
7:00

HPC members: Susan Puretz, Michael Sullivan Smith, Barry Benepe, Stephen Shafer
William Schirmer (Liaison of Town Board)
Stefan Yarabek of Mynderse St, Saugerties, guest
Called to order 7:05 (Benepe)

1. Minutes of 21 July

Minutes from the meeting of July had not been circulated and will be discussed at the next meeting.

2. Introduction of Stefan Yarabek

Stefan Yarabek had been invited by members as a candidate to join the HPC. He has been a licensed landscape architect in New York since 1985. He has served on the boards, among others, of: Hudson River Sloop, Hudsonia, Friends of the Senate House, Kingston Tree Commission, and NYS Preservation League. He is now Manager of the Hudson River National Heritage Area Board and on the board of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Conservancy. Moved and seconded (Puretz/Benepe) and approved by hearty acclamation that Mr. Yarabek be recommended to the Town Board for appointment to the HPC. Schirmer asked him to send a C.V. to him in addition to the one sent earlier to Benepe. Mr. Yarabek said he would send a C.V. to all HPC members and the Town Board liaison.

Benepe had invited James Marshall to the meeting. Mr. M has been photographing historic industrial sites in Saugerties. He never arrived. On the topic of industrial sites Smith showed some old images he has found of structures like the original Diamond Mills.

3. Update on Historic Property Event 2015

Puretz reported on the recent focus group meeting of the Historic House Tour Committee. Twenty owners of houses that had been on the tour had been invited. Because Kathy Duvaloois, of the historic Sebring House, had responded with a negative rsvp (because they plan to sell their house and move from the area), Puretz wrote to them thanking them for their support of preservation and of the House Tours. Copy of text will go with these minutes when they are made final

Six replies came back (including Mrs. Duvaloois), with four acceptances -- two of whom did not ultimately get to the meeting. The committee and the two guests thought a get-together of owners of houses that are designated as of historic significance, or might be eligible for such, is a good idea. SPAF has been tentatively reserved for the weekend of April 18, 2015. It was suggested that the HPC might

create short videos or slide shows to acquaint others with the houses and the tour committee is exploring this idea.

Benepe suggested an emphasis on stone houses, as they have such a long history in Saugerties, going back to earliest European arrivals. Puretz and Shafer argued that this might seem off-putting to owners of brick or frame houses. No decision was made or called for by HPC.

Miscellaneous

Smith then showed short video clips of the dam and creek in the early 1950s in which he has connected still aerial photos to emulate a motion picture like a bird's flight.

4. Guidelines and Newspaper Inserts

GUIDELINES: Smith presented slides of the latest version of the guidelines in which previously unfinished sections are almost complete, with images and text. These demonstrate how little certain buildings on Main St and Partition Street have changed in a century. Smith said this latest version should be web-ready by the end of the month. He wants a final editing by Susan Puretz and nod of approval from Julian Adams, however, before putting them up. These extra steps mean the new guidelines will be on the Saugerties web site by mid-September or before.

Another section, Village preservation laws and Town preservation laws with commentaries by respectively Richard Frisbie and Barry Benepe is not quite complete.

Discussion of printed paper copies. Five (5) have to go to office of the grant-giver. We plan to print about 5-6 more. Each copy will be about 40 sheets; plastic spiral binding is desirable. No color. Discussion of costs followed.

Another requirement to complete the grant is the placing of the inserts in the two newspapers and the placing of an ad in each of the two papers the week before to announce the insert is coming. Smith put up a slide of a proposed text for an ad 2 x 2 inches. Minor wording changes were offered. Schirmer suggested the ad show the URL for the guidelines in case someone did not see the later insert. Everyone liked this idea.

Agreement that the ads should run on Sept 18 in Post-Star/ Pennysaver and in Saugerties Times. The inserts must then be in the issues of Sept 25 to complete the grant before Sept 30.

Four checks must be written by the town before Sept 10:

Saug Times for inserts

Post Star PS for inserts

The proposal budget allocated \$780 to do 12000 insertions @\$65/1000

Saug Times for ad we had budgeted \$136 for 2 x 2 ad in color

Post Star PS for ad we had budgeted \$111.20 for 2 x 2 ad in color

Subtotal for two ads is actually \$247.20 but in the proposal there is an addition error with the subtotal coming to \$147.20. This had escaped notice until today.

In talking budget the question came up whether Secretary Klinkenberg is paid for her services to HPC by the Town from its budget or out of the money that the Town allocates to HPC (\$1500 this year). Schirmer said he would find out and report.

Shafer said he would recheck the number of inserts we have in the copier room at town hall and get a final figure to Benepe for the inserting cost at each paper so Benepe could before he travels request checks written for the exact amount to Times and to PS/PS. The amount to the latter will be much higher, as the circulation last month was 9700.

There being no further business, Shafer moved adjournment at 9:15 second Puretz, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Shafer, secretary pro tem