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Historic Preservation Commission  
 Minutes

March 15, 2010

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

Liaison: Jimmy Bruno

Ex-Officio – Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Historian

Meeting called to order by the chair Barry Benepe at 7:07.

1. Minutes of February 15, 2010

Minutes of the previous meeting were amended as follows:

Susan amended number 5. Stone House Tour. "In regards to including both the Eligh House and the Myer House on the tour, Susan suggested that Alvie Weeks inspect the interior, especially the condition of the support beams and joists and Susan has been in touch with him about this. And change the sentence to read : "There was a dendrology study done which dated the house around 1750. "

Amended number 6. Report on 2009 Expenses, change "Michael noted" to "Barry noted"

Amended number 10. Change the word Committee to Commission.

Josh moved and Susan seconded that the minutes be accepted as amended. Josh, aye; Susan, aye; Barry, aye; Michael, aye; Myles, aye.

2. Election of Officers – Barry nominated Josh as Chair and Michael as Vice Chair.

Michael nominated Susan as Vice Chair, she declined.

Election of officers by unanimous acclamation: Josh, aye; Susan, aye; Barry, aye; Michael, aye; Myles, aye.

The new officers, Josh Randall, Chair and Michael Sullivan Smith, Vice Chair, will take over on April 1, 2010.

Augusta Savage Road Designation Disapproval by Town Board.

Michael distributed a copy of the town board's Resolution. On file.

The resolution, which disapproved the designation, was approved by the town board 4 to 1.

Josh pointed to elements of the Winston Farm which are important to protect, including the Mansion, the connector trail and the cemeteries. There were no comments by the town board about the findings of the Commission.

Barry noted that in the past the town board stated that the Commission should have designated only a small portion of Winston Farm rather than trying to designate the whole farm. The resolution states that since the whole property has been disapproved for designation, the smaller portion cannot be considered.

Michael noted that the amendment to the Town's Historic preservation Ordinance was done in 2008 to allow the Town of Saugerties to become a Certified Local Government. (CLG).

Questions:

Has the town notified the property owners that the designation was disapproved?

Has the town notified the county clerk that the designation was disapproved?

Barry stated that the independence of this Commission is important. The town board must trust the Commission. The historic assets of this town are very important and need to be protected and this Commission is in place to do just that.

Susan made a motion: The Historic Preservation Commission after much discussion about the action of the Town Board on March 3, 2010, in disapproving the Augusta Savage Road Historic Designation, has decided that since the town's disapproval did not follow in the proscribed legal procedure of providing findings to justify their disapproval, that the Historic Preservation Commission Augusta Savage Road Designation stands as passed. Josh, aye; Susan, aye; Barry, aye; Michael, aye; Myles, aye.

Barry circulated a draft of a letter he will be sending to the editors of The Saugerties Times and the Saugerties Post.

Josh offered Kudos to Michael for the letter to the editor.

Opus 40: Report on Meeting called by Vernon Benjamin

Michael distributed a memo from Mark Smith.

Since a member of the Commission was allowed to attend this meeting Michael sent an e-mail to Greg regarding this meeting. Vernon Benjamin sent back a complete analysis as to the powers of the Commission. He wrote that the Commission can recommend only. Michael attended the meeting about Opus 40 held on March 11, 2010. Michael stated that the sculpture is a work of art and should be protected by an organization which has experience in this area.

Property 28.4-5-10, on the map of Opus 40, is on the Registry.

The Commission has designated the sculpture on the property.

Opus 40, Inc. was incorporated in 1984.

Josh recommended that Michael be the liaison from the Commission for further meetings.

Veteran Schoolhouse and Jeremiah Russell Turnpike House: Harold Price Proposals

Michael reported that Harold Price was cleaning up the Veteran Schoolhouse property.

Mr. Price wants to shore up the sides of the schoolhouse and make the building livable.

His son Christopher is a restoration contractor. Mr. Price wants to work on both properties.

He believes he may have access to the Jeremiah Russell Turnpike House..

6. Addition to the agenda: Susan reported on the Stone House Tour, both the Reformed Church in Katsbaan and St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in West Camp, the Christian Myer House, the Eligh House, the Trumbour House, Royal Oaks, and the Jacobus Wolven property on 212, outside only, have agreed to be on the tour. One other possibility is the Andrew Wolven House.

Susan contacted the Furthermore Grant, to discover what we had done wrong with our application last year and found that there was nothing wrong. There is a National Preservation Trust Grant, which has criteria that fit our request but requires matching funds. Susan stated that the grant deadline is June 1.

Barry distributed the 2009 report of the Finance Officer. The \$1000.00 from the SHPO grant is not reflected in the report. Josh noted that the report begins on 5/14/09, therefore does not include any income or expenses from Jan 1, 2009 to May 14, 2009. Josh will be requesting a full accounting of the budget amount, income and expenses for 2009.

7. Addition to the agenda: There is a property on Glasco Turnpike, which was listed on the 2005 Historic Resources Survey; a demolition permit was issued in December, 2009 and the house has been demolished. Josh distributed a resolution, which is on file, which asks the Building Inspector/Department, Assessor's Office, Planning Board and Town Board notify the Historic Preservation Commission when a building permit for alteration, demolition and/or significant architectural changes is requested on any of the 150 remaining properties listed on the 2005 Historic Resources Survey. Josh moved the resolution, seconded by Susan. Josh, aye; Susan, aye; Barry, aye; Michael, aye; Myles, aye. Unanimous decision. Josh will deliver the resolution. Item 6 and 7 on the original agenda are to be deferred to the next meeting.

8. Old Business – The Christian Myer House. Vernon Benjamin wrote that the owners had checked deeds and the house had been moved when the railroad went through. David Baker stated that Peter Crispell was known as the county house mover in his

The houses he moved were brick and stone.

reynolds knows who the owners were and will call them to ask for details.

Motion to adjourn by Josh, seconded by Michael: Josh, aye; Susan, aye; Barry, aye; Michael, aye; Myles, aye.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm  
Audrey Klinkenberg, Secretary