

Town of Saugerties
Historical Preservation Commission
Minutes of January 28, 2019

Present: Stefan Yarabek, chairman; Susan Puretz, Vice-chairwoman; Peigi Mulligan; Michael Sullivan-Smith; John Schoonmaker, Town Board Liaison; Paul Andreassen, Town Board Liaison; Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Historian; Guests: Vernon Benjamin, Consultant; Richard Walker; Kevin L. Pendergast; Vincent Buono; Paul Pysher; Ken Myers Jr.
Excused: Barry Benepe

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of November 19 and December 17 minutes

1. The first order of business was to give approval for Ken Myers, Jr. to become the new alternate member of the HPC. Ken Myers, Jr. accepted his position.
2. Kevin L. Pendergast, Vincent Buono and Paul Pysher who are members of the American Legion Post 72 were present at the meeting in order to provide information regarding a ceremony called 'Remember the Maine' to be held at the Poultney Bigelow Park on February 15, 2019. They asked if a member of the HPC could be present at a gathering that will take place at the American Legion to possibly give a brief overview of Poultney Bigelow.
3. The Poultney Bigelow Landmark Designation public hearing will be held on March 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Saugerties Senior Citizen center. A notice of the hearing will be sent to all of the residents who live within 500 ft of the Poultney Bigelow memorial park.
4. Vernon Benjamin was present at the meeting in order to discuss the progress of the NYS Archive Grant application. The application was completed and filed on 1/28/2019. The outcome should be determined in 3 parts, and a final outcome should be determined between March-July 2020. If the grant is approved the Town would build an archival room in order to protect the current documents and any future documents. There would also be a space for the public to come and view the archives.
5. The documents that belonged to Myles Putman have been moved to a more conducive location and the archivist Clare Flemming has begun to look through them. Clare and Stefan have come to an agreement regarding what Clare will be paid to for her archival work.
6. Memorializing Resolution:
An update was given on the historic stone structures throughout Saugerties. It was determined that there are in fact 69 historic structures in Saugerties. A motion was approved to send the list of historic stone structures to the Town Board in order for the Board to enact a memorializing resolution honoring the legacy of Saugerties' 69 historic stone structures. This resolution would proclaim the Town as a 'Historic Stone Structure Community'.
7. There was a brief discussion regarding the Asbury District. There is nothing going on at this time. The plan is to begin having a further discussion in Spring 2019.
8. The Clark VanVlierden House will also be discussed in the Spring of 2019.
9. Legal Donor Letter: The Town will draw up a specific letter to accept files and documents as a deed of gift.

10. Michael Sullivan Smith announced that he was resigning from the Commission as of this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Buck, Secretary
Saugerties Historic Preservation Commission