

**Town of Saugerties
Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of the April 16, 2018 meeting.**

Present: Commission Vice-Chair Susan Poretz,; Commission members Myles Putman, Secretary; and Barry Benepe; and Town Board Liaison Paul Andreassen.

Excused: Commission Chair Stefan Yarabek and member Michael Sullivan Smith; Town Historian Audrey Klinkenberg and Town Board Liaison John Schoonmaker.

The Commission met in the conference room adjacent to the Building Department offices at Town Hall. Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Poretz at 5:11 pm.

Approval of minutes of March 19, 2018 Commission meeting.

Motion by Barry Benepe to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2018 meeting as submitted, seconded by Myles Putman; approved with 3 in favor, none opposed and two excused.

Old Business.

1. Bus Tour. The planning group met earlier today.

(A) Volunteers. Carla Barrett has agreed to serve as the Volunteer Coordinator. We have 19 volunteers so far and another 10 are needed. Paul will put out the request for volunteers at the Town Board meeting on Wednesday.

Each volunteer will serve a 2 hour "shift" at one house, either during the morning or afternoon runs. Barry expressed his willingness to serve during both morning and afternoon. To avoid parking problems at each house, volunteers will meet at the High School and carpool from there.

(B) Tickets. No tickets have been sold yet.

(C) Publicity. The PR effort is running a little behind schedule. Rack cards have been distributed to Lifespring. There will be a follow-up with HVVA. Susan sent tour information to Brian Hollander (Ulster Publishing) for an article and she will follow up with him. There will also be a separate listing in the "Almanac" section. Myles will reach out to the Greene County Historical Society.

(D) Tour Booklet. A booklet will be created. There was discussion about including a discussion of the proposed Asbury Local Landmark District or the Palatines in Saugerties. Myles will re-circulate to the Commission his short text on the Asbury district as revised through last October. Mark Smith will handle the layout and related details. Barry suggested that extra copies be printed up for the Commission's use.

(E) Miscellaneous. Space at the High School has been reserved. There was discussion over making the bathrooms at the school available at the end of the afternoon tour. This may involve an overtime charge of \$59.00 per hour after 2 pm. It was mentioned that the Cantine Field restrooms are available for use. Susan will discuss this further with the High School custodial staff. Susan and Carla will be at the High School tomorrow.

Police will be at the Sebring and Synder houses to direct traffic.

2. Asbury District Designation. Copies of Stefan's draft letter were made and distributed to the Commission members. Tabled, no further action this month.

3. Winston Farm. Tabled.
4. Central Hudson Power Line upgrade (PSC Application) Request for "Party" Status. Myles made a presentation to the Town Board at their April 3, 2018 workshop meeting. The matter was referred to the Town Board's consulting attorney.

Paul reported that the attorney had expressed some concerns about possible future implications of the "Party Status" upon the Town. These concerns included exposure to liability and future work tasks that would require expenditures or other demands upon the Town's resources. There was discussion over the Commission's role in protecting and enhancing both the historic resources of the Town and the Town's historic landscapes.

Motion by Susan Puretz, seconded by Barry Benepe, to authorize and direct MLP file, on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission, a request for "Party Status" with the NYS Public Service Commission, in reference to the Central Hudson application, in accordance with the resolution of the Historic Preservation Commission adopted on March 19, 2018. Passed by a vote of 3 in favor, none opposed and two excused.

5. Other Old Business: There was no other old business discussed.

New Business.

- 1 Other New Business. Barry suggested that the Commission consider a Local Landmark designation for the Persen House.

Miscellaneous Business.

1. Town Historian Report. No report this month.

Finding no further Commission business to be discussed, a motion was made by Myles Putman to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Barry Benepe.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Myles Putman
Secretary
Town of Saugerties Historic Preservation Commission