

Historic Preservation Commission

December 17, 2012

Building Department Conference Room

7:00 pm

Present: Michael Sullivan Smith, Josh Randall, Barry Benepe, Susan Puretz, Stephen Shafer

Liaison: Jimmy Bruno, Town Board, Deputy Supervisor

Secretary: Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Historian, Associate County Historian

Auxillary: Graydon Yearick, excused

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Michael Sullivan Smith at 7:00 pm.

1. Approval of the Nov. meeting minutes

Moved by Josh and seconded by Susan that the minutes of November 19 be approved as amended. Seconded by Stephen. Michael, aye; Barry, aye; Josh, aye; Susan, aye; Stephen, aye. Unanimous.

2. Discussion of annual CLG reports. Michael will meet with Josh on these reports. The report is due on January 15, 2013. When completed Michael will ask the commissioners to review.

Michael asked Josh if anything new had been submitted for the grant and the answer was no.

3. Report on Tour activities planned for 2013. Susan announced that there was a committee meeting yesterday and that was the fourth meeting. She reiterated that there will not be an historic house tour in 2013. At the December meeting it was decided that the Greenway grant which they wanted to apply for with a date in February, will be submitted for the May 10, 2013 deadline. A second issue raised by the committee was what would happen if the grant was not received; Susan has asked for information on the amount of money available in the Historic Preservation Commission budget line that is earmarked for the house tour. Josh mentions Vista-Print as a good company to work with. Susan's report has been filed.

4. Discussion and planning of the HPC room. Michael stated that Greg Chorvas said commission members could go to the area in town hall where the proposed new office is to be located to do some measuring and planning. Josh commented on the email that Michael sent to Greg stating that it was well thought out and a good master plan for the room. There was some discussion of the plan for the room. Greg Chorvas wants to know exactly how much space the Commission will want for the first phase, Michael thinks

that the first phase should be storage space. Exhibit space and conference space would come in the second phase.

Barry asked: Right now we have two facilities collecting historical materials, the Historical Society and the Saugerties Public Library. If there is to be a chief repository for historical materials he believes it should be the Library. Michael stated that the problem is that there are no persons able to guard the materials or lead someone through the materials. Josh says that the Commission member or the Town Historian would be the person opening the door in the new proposed Town Hall office. The ultimate use of the space would be to have a volunteer there on a regular basis if not whenever the building is open, or at specific times. The records kept by the Commission should be records particularly about the town and village of Saugerties and unique or rare. Michael will report back to Greg that the Commission discussed coming up with a wish list of what the Commission wants in the first stage.

The room may be 24x30 with two floors, and with a space for the Town Historian.

3. Old Business:

- a. Barbara Gentile had requested information about the house she once lived in. The property was sold in 1851 by Wm. Whittaker and his wife Margaret Plass to Jeremiah Russell. (Liber 81, pg 611, Ulster County Clerk's Office.) The next step is checking a will for Benjamin Whitaker, father of William.
- b. Michael also spoke about the day book from the Lead Mill in Glenerie. This is now being scanned and transcribed.

Josh mentioned to Michael that he, Josh, had received a call from FEMA and gave the person who called Michael's contact information.

4. New Business: Michael brought up the issue of the Village's situation with the property called Cloverlea. (The old Dragon Inn.) The property was designated in 2007.

Adjournment at 8:40 pm

Audrey Klinkenberg

Secretary