

HPC Minutes 8.16.2010

In Attendance: Board Members: Chairman Josh Randall; Members Susan Poretz, Michael Smith and Myles Putman.

Also In Attendance: Town Councilman and Liaison James Bruno

Excused: Member Barry Benepe (may arrive late) and Audrey Klinkenberg, Secretary and Town Historian

Guests: none

Meeting Location: Building Dept. Conference Room, Saugerties Town Hall.

Chairman Josh Randall called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Acting Secretary. As per agreement at last month's meeting, Myles is serving as recording secretary tonight in Audrey's absence.

Communications and Documents. Copies of the following were distributed to all present:

Agenda

Meeting minutes from 7/19/2010

CLG email 8/16/2010;

Homeowner tax credit FAQ handout; and

Draft letter of designated for the Christian Myer Homestead, 8/16/2010 with attached supporting documentation

Minutes of July 19, 2010 Meeting. A draft of the minutes reviewed. There were no amendments offered.

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Motion by Susan Poretz to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2010 Historic Preservation Commission meeting, as submitted; seconded by Michael Smith; approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS.

Christian Myer (House, Homestead) - Public Hearing and Designation. The public hearing on this proposed designation was tabled last month at the request of Phillips Electronics, the site owner, allowing more time for the owner to review the request and supporting documentation. Phillips sent an e-mail on 8/6/2010 to Josh indicating that they had no objection to the proposed designation. Josh said in light of this communication the public hearing should be closed and a decision made on the request before the Commission. As discussed last month, the Commission believes that the site meets the criteria set forth in Section 5.a of the Historic Preservation Local Law, Local Law No. 3 of 2004, as amended 2008, and that the Commission should approve the request.

Motion by Michael Smith to the close the public hearing on the Christian Myer Homestead and to further designate the Christian Myer Homestead as Landmark pursuant to Section 5.a of Local Law No. 3 of 2004, as amended in 2008; seconded by Susan Poretz; approved unanimously.

The draft letters were reviewed. Josh said that copies of this letter and attachments will be in the mail Tuesday (8/17) to the applicant, the landowner and all agencies as required by law. Copies were distributed to Board members, 2 copies given to Jim for the Town Board and Myles took an extra copy for Audrey.

Saugerties Atlas (Bicentennial) Presentation by Mike Smith. Power Point Presentation, a "work in progress". Sample interactive maps presented with overlays. Hyperlinks to be added for designated properties. CD includes a brief history, the text is complete through the 1830's. Also includes a reference section of older local and regional history books. Mike is still collecting pictures for the project. Mike wants to get a workshop session with the Town Board- work through Jim on this.

CLG Grant. Josh called attention to the e-mail that identified an error in the project budget page. A revised page was submitted to the Town to replace the page previously sent. Supervisor Helsmoortel will discuss the grant at the August 18, 2010 Town Board meeting.

Budget, 2010. Josh said we need to follow up on this on a monthly basis, to see what our total expenses are. This may involve extra work. Mike questioned the Town Board's continued financial

support of the Historic Preservation Society at the current level since the mortgage on the Kiersted House is paid off. Their budget line this year is \$10,000.00.

Carriage Road Designation: Setting a Public Hearing Date. Barry worked with Richard Frisbie to set up a tentative date with the Village Historic Review Board (HRB), on Wednesday, September 15 at 7 PM at the Senior Center. This would be a joint public hearing subject to the Commission's approval. There has been an extensive file of documentation developed by Barry and also Vernon Benjamin. There was some discussion over holding the Commission's regular monthly meeting at this location and date as well.

Motion by Susan Poretz for the Town of Saugerties Historic Preservation Commission to hold a public hearing jointly with the Village of Saugerties Historic Review Board on Wednesday, September 15, 2010, at 7 PM, at the Saugerties Senior Center building, on the proposed designation of the (FULL PROJECT NAME); seconded by Michael Smith; approved unanimously.

Motion by Susan Poretz for the Town of Saugerties Historic Preservation Commission to hold its regular monthly meeting for September of 2010 at the Saugerties Senior Center building on September 15, 2010, following the close or adjournment of the public hearing; seconded by Michael Smith; approved unanimously. by Michael Smith; approved unanimously.

Bicentennial Committee. We have not been updated recently on activities of the Bicentennial Committee. The Commission is supposed to be represented, and we need to be more assertive of our right to participate. Our role in the Town is to bring issues to the front burner, and to work directly with the Town Board and other government agencies. This is not the job of the Historic Society. If the Society is getting financial support from the Town Board, then any Town archival materials being stored at the Kiersted House must be available to the Town Historian without issue. Likewise, the Library Board should also insist on access to its archival materials entrusted to the Historic Society.

Other Old Business: None.

NEW BUSINESS.

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Susan mentioned that there may be more funds available through some "lightning grants" but she understands we need to apply before the end of the month. Josh stated that he had spoken with Lorraine Weiss today and she did not mention anything. Susan will send Josh the information she has on this. Josh will also contact Julian.

Susan mentioned an upcoming webinar on historic preservation tax credits. She suggested we send out copies of the FAQ sheet to the owners of all designated Federal/State historic sites, and something to explain the difference between local and federal programs. Going through the State and Federal designations can be expensive, as much of the work has to be done by a qualified professional, and the state and federal standards have gotten stricter over the years. The Atlas project could provide much of the background information that a consultant would likely research.

There was no other new business discussed.

Miscellaneous Business.

The next meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be on September 15, 2010.

Adjournment.

Motion by Michael Smith to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Myles Putman. Meeting closed at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Myles Putman

Acting Secretary