

Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes
January 16, 2012
Building Department Conference Room

Present: Josh Randall, Michael Sullivan Smith, Barry Benepe, Susan Puretz
Ex- officio: Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Historian
Liaison: Jimmy Bruno, Town Board. He left at 8:00 pm.
Guests: Gianfranco Pellegrini, Bipin Patel

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Josh Randall at 7:00 PM.

There was a brief discussion with Jimmy Bruno on the reappointment of Myles Putman and Michael Sullivan Smith to the Commission. Jimmy agreed to expedite the re-appointment process.

1. It was moved by Susan and seconded by Michael that the minutes of the December, 2011 meeting be approved as submitted. Josh Randall, aye; Michael Sullivan Smith, aye; Susan Puretz, aye; Barry Benepe, aye. Unanimous approval.

2. Continuation of Discussion on Certificate of Appropriateness on Wynkoop House. The property has not yet been conveyed. Mr. Pellegrini brought a signed statement from the owner, Mark Colligan, copy filed with these minutes. Holiday Express provided pictures of other historically built hotels in their franchise, which were passed around. The planners do have an architect from Middletown, no drawings as yet.

Barry asked that the architect's plan include the plans for the Wynkoop House. The goal is to restore as much of the house as possible. Michael mentioned that The Society for the Preservation of Hudson Valley Vernacular Architecture (HVVA) has written up a description of the inside of the house which is available on-line. The Commission had requested that the hotel be placed on a parallel with the Wynkoop house, which brings the northwest back corner closer to the Schaller property. The Commission members reviewed the new site map and based on the changes Michael stated that the Commission would back a side yard setback variance for the zoning.

The Commission had requested that the hotel be placed more on a parallel with the Wynkoop house, which brings the northern back corner closer to the Schaller property. The Commission members reviewed the new site map. Michael stated that the Commission would back the variance for the zoning.

Josh stated that in order to move forward the planners need an approval of the conception of the project, from the Commission, subject to elevation, façade materials, plans, and

landscaping. Barry moved to approve the concept of the plan with the restoration of the Wynkoop house, and the adoption of a one way drive, as well as subsequent clarification on elevation, façade, landscaping and plans. Seconded by Susan Puretz. Josh Randall, aye; Michael Sullivan Smith, aye; Susan Puretz, aye; Barry Benepe, aye. Unanimous approval.

3. Discussion of Education Resolution. Michael is attempting to set up a group through Google for the sub-committee. Michael, Susan, Audrey, and Richard Frisbee are members of the sub committee. Vernon Benjamin has been invited to join the committee; however he has not to date responded.

Michael went to the Social Studies department at Saugerties High School and found out that the sub committee could work through the social studies chair to see which students might be interested in being involved in the project.

4. Initial discussion regarding HPC agenda for 2012. Josh asked that members think about what should be happening during the next year. Michael suggested that we invite Supervisor Myers to the next meeting. Josh will send an invitation.

5. Update on "Stone House" Tour. Susan announced that Constantine Sidamon-Eristoff has died, he is the owner of the Bigelow House in Malden, which was a part of the 2011 tour. Susan distributed a progress report for the 2012 tour, filed with these minutes. Susan moved that the Commission be prepared to allocate some of the funds that were generated in previous years to cover the possible additional expenses for the 2012 tour, if requested. Seconded by Michael Sullivan Smith. Josh Randall, aye; Michael Sullivan Smith, aye; Susan Puretz, aye; Barry Benepe, aye. Unanimous approval.

6. Guidelines: Josh asked whether the village had approved portions of the guidelines. Michael reported that the village board is working on it. Pictures need to be taken, formatting to be done; however Michael knows which pictures are needed. The last section has not yet been started.

7. New Business: Josh received a call from a lady living on 212 and Glasco Turnpike, address 1611 Glasco Turnpike, who owns an 1854 cottage, which she purchased last fall. She is interested in seeing a write up on the property. She keeps locating pieces of metal and steel, appearing to be a part of a barn. The Commission does not have any information and Josh will relay that information to the woman.

8. Announcement : At the January 4, 2012 meeting of the Town Board, Barry Benepe was reappointed to the Historic Preservation Commission through March 31, 2015. Audrey Klinkenberg was reappointed as Town Historian for one year.

8. Old Business: Our minutes from the last year are online at the town web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Audrey Klinkenberg

Secretary