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Town of Saugerties  
Historic Preservation Commission  
Minutes of May 20, 2019

In Attendance: Stefan Yarabek, Chairman; Susan Puretz, Vice-Chairwoman; Barry Benepe; Peigi Mulligan; Alba LaFiandra; Ken Myers, Alternate; Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Historian; Paul Andreassen, Town Board Liaison.

Meeting called to order 5:02 p.m.

Minutes:

1. January 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment to minutes regarding Michael Sullivan Smith resignation and Barry Benepe taking his position  
Motion to approve as corrected by Susan: All in favor
2. February 25<sup>th</sup> minutes  
Motion to approve as corrected by Susan: All in favor
3. March 18<sup>th</sup> minutes  
Motion to approve March minutes: All in favor
4. April 15<sup>th</sup> minutes as corrected (Ken Myer will be the alternate and Alba will be a new member of the HPC). Two different copies discussed.  
Motion to approve April minutes: Barry abstained, all others in favor

Poultney Bigelow Park:

Background:

The friends of Malden (which consists of 2 people), wanted to “clean-up” and at the same time make the Poultney Bigelow Park an historic site, so they went to the Historic Preservation Commission for advice as to how to proceed. The park has received some attention and has been cleaned up and the equipment has been updated. There are still plans by the Town to make changes at the park.

Current Status: The HPC after much discussion felt that because the park has received necessary attention that at this point in time there will be no further attention to this matter.

Barry made a motion to withdraw the proposal of the HPC to designate the site, seconded by Alba, all in favor. Unanimous decision.

Bigelow Family Homestead: The family is doing everything they can to preserve the property. HPC would like to register the home, but the family is not in favor of it at this time. A letter will be sent to the family to explain what landmark

designation is, in order to help them better understand what it means for a home to be designated.

Stone House memorialization was passed at the May 1, 2019 Town Board Meeting.

Winston Farm Landmark Designation: When first presented to the Town Board, HPC was not given approval to name the Winston Farm as a landmark. Shortly thereafter, the HPC held another public hearing on designating the Winston Farm and that also was submitted to the Town. No action was taken by the Town Board on the second designation, which according to the Law then officially means that it is a Town of Saugerties Historic Preservation Site.

Stefan Yarabek will write a letter to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

Comfort Smith House: Follow-up with the two owners of this house will be done by Susan.

Asbury Historic District: A member of the HPC will get in contact with Michael Sullivan Smith in order to obtain the information that he has.

Deed of Gift: Susan made a motion to accept the revised Deed of Gift. Seconded by Barry. The revised version was accepted by all members. A question of what should be accepted from the person giving the "gift" arose, and it was determined that the Town Historian will accept the "gifts" and go through the items to determine what should be collected. The Town Historian will receive the items and distribute them accordingly.

Next meeting will be held June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned 6:08 p.m.

Submitted by:

Erin Buck, Secretary