

Historic Preservation Commission
Town of Saugerties
Minutes
January 18, 2010

Present: Michael Sullivan Smith, Barry Benepe, Myles Putman, Josh Randall, Susan Puretz

Liason: Jimmy Bruno
Leeanne Thornton
Ex Officio: Audrey Klinkenberg

Meeting called to order by the chairman Barry Benepe at 7:07.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting - Amend the minutes of December 21 to say that the road is "12 foot wide".

Josh moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected, seconded by Michael. Susan, aye; Michael, aye; Josh, aye; Barry, aye; Myles, aye. Passed.

2. Designation of Augusta Savage Road; Supplementary Documentation

An amendment to the original resolution to designate Augusta Savage Road, attached. Moved by Josh and seconded by Susan that the amendment be added to the designation statement. Discussion on the Criteria listed in number 1, with a decision to remove the words "Criteria 2". Susan, aye; Michael, aye; Josh, aye; Barry, aye; Myles, aye. Passed.

Send all four documents to town clerk, county clerk and Julian Adams, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Field Services Bureau, Peeples Island State Park, PO Box 189, Waterford, NY 12188.

3. Request for Designation Form: 2009 ^{Designation} Preservation Resource Form (version b) of September, 2009. The Commission will replace the current Web Site document. ^{Michael} Josh will take care of this. Copies of the designation request form will also be placed with the Town Clerk and the Saugerties Historical Society. Moved by Josh and seconded by Michael that we delete the 2005 request for designation form previously approved by the Commission and substitute the September, 2009. Susan, aye; Michael, aye; Josh, aye; Barry, aye; Myles, aye. Passed.

Michael will do letterheads with the new town officials.

4. Certificate of Appropriateness: Barry distributed the Certificate of Appropriateness, Guidelines for Improvements to an Historic Property and the Application for Certificate of Appropriateness. These documents were adopted by the Commission on February 26, 2007. The Commission will place the guidelines on the Saugerties Web Site. Josh will speak with Alvah Weeks, Town of Saugerties Building Inspector.

5. Draft Letter to Owners of Designated Properties: A draft of a letter to be sent to designated property owners was distributed. Susan will rewrite the letter for the next meeting.

6. Stone House Tour, May 22: Budget, Designated Fund, Web Site

The stone house sub committee has met 4 times, last meeting on January 12, 2010. The committee is still focusing on the selection of homes: the Kocherthal - Elig house in West Camp; Royal Oaks, outside only; Christian Myer, inside and out; Wynkoop House, outside only; Katsbaan and West Camp Lutheran Churches, inside and outside, first Schoonmaker house, outside only, have agreed to be a part of the tour. Johannes Myer house, perhaps. Three additional homes, the Snyder home, the Mulford Tavern and the Silas Brainard house on 212 near the Centerville United Methodist Church, are also being solicited. Letters have been sent to the last three. The second Schoonmaker house on Ricks Lane is another possibility. Susan suggests that the Boy Scouts clean up the Jeremiah Russell turnpike house exterior and the schoolhouse located in Veteran across from Churchland Road. Owners of the property would need to be asked for permission.

The sub committee needs to have a town web site page and a telephone number for publicity. 246-2800 with an extension number. Jimmy Bruno will look into the possibilities. Budget: For 2009 the budget was \$1,900 dollars for the Stone House Tour. Susan requests a line item in the Historic Preservation Commission Budget for the Stone House Tour, moved by Myles, seconded by Susan. Susan, aye; Michael, aye; Josh, aye; Barry, aye; Myles, aye. Passed

The Sub committee is considering raising the price to \$20.00 in advance. The Saugerties High School History Club under Nicole Tucker, will be assisting the Commission. The members of the Government Club have a 20 hour service schedule and could be of assistance.

7. Priorities for 2010:

I. The 2005 survey should be discussed to determine if any of those properties should be designated. Then letters should be sent to selected owners, to determine if the owner is interested in designation. Josh moved that we devote our next meeting to prioritizing the 2005 survey. Seconded by Susan. Susan, aye; Michael, aye; Josh, aye; Barry, aye; Myles, aye. Passed. Barry requests that all members review the report and bring details of properties that might be acceptable.

II Designation of the Carriage trail at Esopus Bend.

Susan Puretz moved and Michael seconded that the Town Board be requested to form a Bicentennial Committee for the 200th anniversary of the Town of Saugerties. Susan, aye; Michael, aye; Josh, aye; Barry, aye; Myles, aye. Jimmy Bruno will bring this to the Town Board.

8. Other Old Business: none

9. New Business: Myles distributed a copy of an article on the West Shore Railroad. The New York State historic road sign at Katsbaan has disappeared. The pole is in place. Myles will follow up.

Audrey stated that the Commission will need a temporary secretary for the February 15, 2010 meeting. Myles Putman was willing to take on that assignment.

Moved by Myles to adjourn, seconded by Josh. Susan, aye; Michael, aye; Josh, aye; Barry, aye; Myles, aye. Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02

Next meeting February 15, 2010.

Audrey Klinkenberg
Secretary

NOTE: It was determined after the meeting by the chair that the four documents for the designation would not be sent, but rather be "available upon request."