

Historic Preservation Commission  
Building Department Conference Room  
January 20, 2014  
7:00 pm

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

Town Board Liaison: Bill Schirmer.

Secretary: Audrey M. Klinkenberg, Saugerties Town Historian, Deputy County Historian.

Meeting called to order by the chair at 7:04.

1. Minutes of the November, 18, 2013 and the special meeting held Jan 13, 2014 were approved as submitted.

a. Josh made a motion for the approval of November 18, 2013 minutes, seconded by Stephen. Michael, aye; Stephen, aye; Josh, aye; Barry, aye; Susan, aye. Unanimously carried.

b. Josh made a motion for the approval of minutes of January 13, 2014 seconded by Stephen. Michael, aye; Stephen, aye; Josh, aye; Susan, aye. Barry abstained; he was not at the meeting.

2. The Commission officially welcomed Bill Schirmer, the Commission's new liaison from the Town Board. And we thank Jimmy Bruno for his work with the Commission over the years.

3. Josh distributed the grant application for the "Completion of Guidelines for Identification and Preservation in Saugerties, NY." This application must be submitted by January 31, 2014.

The tri-fold brochures about preservation will be inserted in the Post Star, the Pennysaver and The Saugerties Times.

There will be a display ad or legal notice in the three papers the week the inserts are in which will notify readers about the inserts. Our grant request is presently \$900, but that included an amount for legal notices, which the Commission decided to change to display notices, which will most likely change the cost.

The members of the Commission offered thanks to Josh Randall for his work on this grant application.

Stephen moved that the Commission approve the Certified Local Government Grant Application due January 31, 2014, as submitted by Josh Randal (and related to the guidelines and the motion made on January 13, 2014). Seconded by Michael. Michael, aye; Stephen, aye; Josh, aye; Barry, aye; Susan, aye. Unanimously carried.

4. A discussion of the budget for 2014 ensued. Deb Martino has a print out of the different committees which should be available to the Historic Preservation Commission, and which the Commission should have.

The Commission's line is A5080, and there should be two amounts: one is the 2014 allowance as allocated by the Town Board, and the other is the carry over money from the house tours. It seems that the line item is \$1,500 plus the carry-over.

5. Status of the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for demolishing the Turnpike House on Route 212. Michael sent a letter to the person who requested a permit to demolish The Jeremiah Russell Turnpike House, and as of this date there has been no response. The request is to demolish the building, take the stones to Elka Park, Greene County and rebuild something up there.

6. Susan reported on the renewal of the web addresses. Susan received a renewal notice for the three domain names, coming up for renewal in March. [Historicsaugertiesstonehouses.info](http://Historicsaugertiesstonehouses.info); [PreserveSaugerties.info](http://PreserveSaugerties.info); and [Historichousetour.com](http://Historichousetour.com) Each cost approximately 12.83 per year. Susan recommends maintaining the [Historichousetour.com](http://Historichousetour.com) domain name and letting the others go.

Susan will pay for this and submit a bill to the Commission for a one year renewal of [HistoricHousetour.com](http://HistoricHousetour.com). Moved by Michael and seconded by Stephen that the one domain name be renewed. Michael, aye; Stephen, aye; Josh, aye; Barry, aye; Susan, aye. Unanimously carried.

7. Discussion of powers and duties in present and draft model ordinance from CLG. After some analysis, it seems that the draft model ordinance has more verbiage in each area. It was conjectured that this new approach is meant to define exactly what the Commission does and should do.

Further discussion about the Draft Model Ordinance ensued including:

- a. the question as to whether the Commission will have to change its ordinance presently in use when the draft model is accepted by Albany as their CLG ordinance.
- b. Barry asked if there had been a comparison between the local law and the model ordinance. Michael stated that he had looked at both.
- c. Susan noted that in Section 10, the Commission can designate a particular property, but has to recommend to the Board for designation of a district. It was noted that the Saugerties ordinance states that the Town Board, if they deny the designation, must do so with findings.
- d. Josh moved that all members read through the draft model ordinance and bring comments and any possible changes to be made to the ordinance presently in force. Seconded by Michael. Michael, aye; Stephen, aye; Josh, aye; Barry, aye; Susan, aye. Unanimously carried.

7. Barry suggested that architects be invited when the Commission has a work meeting on the guidelines.

8. Old Business – none.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Audrey M. Klinkenberg  
Secretary