

Historic Preservation Commission
Town of Saugerties
December 21, 2009
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the chair Barry Benepe at 7:02 p. m.

Moved by Josh that minutes of the November 16, 2009 meeting be adopted as corrected, seconded by Susan Puretz. Barry, aye; Susan, aye; Josh, aye; Michael: aye; Myles aye. Motion carried.

Josh moved that the minutes of November 24, 2009 be accepted as corrected. Seconded by Susan Puretz. Susan, aye; Josh, aye; Michael: aye, Myles aye. Barry, abstained. Motion carried.

I. Proposed designation of Augusta Savage Road as an historic road, which, as a ministerial or non-discretionary decision, is exempt from New York State Environment Quality Review. (SEQR)

The designation resolution written by Barry Benepe was corrected. Much discussion ensued.

Moved by Myles Putman that the Commission designate as an Historic and Scenic Transportation Route a segment of the historic East-West Road and known historically as the Nigger Road, Niger Road, and Augusta Savage Road -- its current name since its designation by the Saugerties Town Board on March 24, 1999.

This ^{wild} segment of the historic East-West Road leading from Old Kings Highway into Platte Clove now being considered for historic designation is the last remaining extant 12 foot road still for the most part in its original condition leading west from Old Kings Highway (NY State Route 32) to the top of Buffalo Road at Lodge Road, a town road, a distance of approximately two miles. The road passes through or adjacent to the following properties: Section 17.2, Block, 3, Lots 10, 11 19.1, 19.21 and 23 and Block 4, Lots 38, 39 and 40. Seconded by Josh. Barry, aye; Susan, aye; Josh, aye; Michael: aye; Myles aye. Motion carried.

Josh made the motion that the report submitted by Michael be adopted. Susan seconded the motion. This report is titled: Report of the Town of Saugerties Historic Preservation Commission on the landmark designation of the Augusta Savage Road/Buffalo Road connector trail, dated December 21, 2009. Barry, aye; Susan, aye; Josh, aye; Michael: aye; Myles aye. Motion carried.

A letter to each landowner notifying each one of the designation is required.

II. Adoption of the East West Historic Road Corridor from Old Stage Road to Platte Clove as a framework for future designation of historic roads which are segments of this corridor. This item tabled until the next meeting.

Historic House Tour Update; Report by Susan Puretz. Susan distributed a report. Attached.

Outline of Workbook Contents: Report by Josh Randall. The Commission members are to review this report for the next meeting.

Draft letter to owners of designated properties reminding them of their responsibilities, listing possible tax advantages and offering guidance and assistance. Barry will bring a copy of the draft letter for the next meeting.

Other Old Business: None

New Business: None

Leeanne announced that she will no longer be the liaison from the town. James Bruno will be the next liaison. Leeanne presented members of the Commission with Krause's Chocolate.

Marti Randall sends her wishes for a joyous New Year.

Susan made a motion that the Commission express its appreciation to the town board representative. Leeanne Thornton will be a hard act to follow and the Commission will miss her. A standing round of applause for Leeanne was tendered.

Josh made a motion to adjourn 8:20 p. m. Seconded by Michael. Barry, aye; Susan, aye; Josh, aye; Michael: aye; Myles aye. Motion carried.

Audrey M. Klinkenberg
Secretary