

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, March 19, 2007

**Attendance - Board Members:** Josh Randall, Barry Benepe, Susan Puretz, Michael Smith, Leeanne Thornton, Town Board Liaison, and Cheryl Van Schaack, Secretary.

**Absent:** Bill Trumbour

**Public:** John N. Vagianelis, Esq., Terrence Gilbride, Carolyn Specht, Ralph Schaller & Marti Randall.

1. **Minutes of February Meeting:** Josh moved to accept the February minutes. Susan Puretz seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
2. **Continue Public hearing on Winston Farm:** Terry Gilbride received a letter from Mark Ewing; he is a Manger of the Rochester Museum of Science Centers Regional Heritage Preservation Program. Terry gave a copy of the letter to everyone attending. Terry said that the property doesn't qualify for historical preservation, his client didn't ask for it, and he doesn't want it. Terry said let's just put a stop to this and close this tonight. Marti said that she disagrees what Mr. Gilbride said almost point for point. Marti asked the commission to give her one more month to go through it and for her to make her statement next month. Barry had talked to Janet Loop, who is moving out of the area, she has visited 2 cemeteries on the Winston Farm property and was told of a third near Mower Hill Road, which she did not visit because of hostility from neighbors in the vicinity; some of the headstones were removed and moved to Red Hook. Marti said that Greg Mapstone said that there were three cemeteries. Barry asked Terry for the topographic base map produced by the L.A. Group that were produced for the Woodstock Festival and might show the cemeteries. Terry said he was not aware of more than one cemetery, but he would see what he could obtain from the L.A. Group. Leeanne Thornton said that her husband Larry was in the Cub Scouts and after 1969 they went there every year for their Cub Scout Jamboree. She showed pictures from the yearbook; they have very fond memories of Winston Farm.

Barry asked the commission members whether they wished to close the hearing or continue it until the April meeting. Josh moved that the public hearing be continued to our next regular meeting on April 16th. Michael seconded.

### **The vote was as follows:**

Josh Randall – Yes

Michael Smith - Yes

Barry Benepe – Yes

Susan Puretz – Yes

3. **Designation of Third Brink House:** Josh had said that the owners would attend the next month's meeting. We will hold this open until April's meeting.

4. **Historic Preservation – How It Works:** Susan offered a revision of How It Works to all of the commission members to review. Josh moved that the commission adopt the revised How It Works. Michael seconded.

**The vote is as follows:**

Josh Randall – Yes

Michael Smith – Yes

Barry Benepe – Yes

Susan Puretz – Yes

5. **Priorities for Designation:** It was generally agreed that while Saugerties enjoyed a wealth of 18th and 19th century Dutch stone houses, there are some important early wood frame houses. Priorities will be given first to those facing possible demolition or alteration, second to those owners seeking designation. Next the commission, with the assistance of the Town Historian, will review the 2005 Historic Resources Survey and select outstanding representative examples. Michael will explore the differences if any, between the layouts of stone and wood frame houses inherent in their construction. Josh made a motion to adopt these priorities Michael seconded, and approved unanimously.
6. **Certificate of Appropriateness Application p. 2:** Barry said we adopted Page 1. Page 2, which is for commission use, was discussed. Josh moved to adopt the Certificate of Appropriateness Application, seconded by Michael, and approved unanimously. Susan will try to obtain copies of the application use in the City of Poughkeepsie.
7. **Certificate of Appropriateness Guidelines:** These will be reviewed by commission members who will bring suggested amendments to the April meeting.
8. **Election of Officers:** Barry was elected Chairperson 3 votes, and Josh Vice Chairperson 3 votes.

**Adjournment:** Josh Randall moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Michael Smith, and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be held, Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m.

Cheryl Van Schaack, Recording Secretary