

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Town of Saugerties
JULY 19, 2010
Minutes**

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

Ex-Officio: Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Historian

Liaison: Jimmy Bruno, Town Board

Guest: Marti Randall

Meeting called to order by the chair Josh Randall at 7:05 pm

- 1. Approval of Minutes of June 20: Motion to approve the minutes PUTMAN/Smith. Josh, aye; Myles, aye; Michael Sullivan Smith, aye; unanimous.**
- 2. (Approx. 7:30 p.m.) Public Hearing on Christian Myer Homestead:**

Josh Randall read the Public Notice published in The Saugerties Times on July 8, 2010.

This homestead is located on Old Kings Highway.

Michael Sullivan Smith read the notice that this action is a type II action not subject to a review under the State Environment Quality Act (SEQR).

Ken Myer, Jr., a descendent of Christian Myer, recommended the designation of this home stead. Joseph Wolf Jr, Vice President, of Phillips Electronics North America was present for the meeting. Mr. Wolf requested additional time to review the ordinance. Mr. Wolf would like three weeks in which to provide a comment.

Michael Sullivan Smith presented his Brief Description of the Christian Myer House. On file.

He recommends the Historic Resources Survey of 2005 for more information.

Josh read the description as submitted by Ken Myers, Jr.

The barn, which was on the property, is no longer standing.

Audrey Klinkenberg noted that Christian Myer, of the Palatine immigration, was the father of many children who were in the Revolutionary War. He was a patriot who signed the Articles of Association. The town historian was asked to write a history of Christian Myer, using public sources.

A motion was made that the Public Hearing on the Christian Myer Homestead be recessed pending the receipt of the information from Phillips Electronics, N. A. on August 9, 2010 PUTMAN/Puretz. Josh Randall, aye; Myles Putman, aye; Michael Sullivan Smith, aye; Susan Puretz, aye; Barry Benepe, aye.

3. **2010 Certified Local Government Grant Award:** We have received the final notice on the grant for 2010. The grant will be for \$5,000 rather than the \$8,000 which had been discussed at the last meeting. This is a joint grant between the town and village of Saugerties. The Historic Review Board chair, Richard Frisbie, has contacted several persons regarding the cost of the project. Josh made the statement that the Historic Preservation Commission should have the final approval of the proposed book prior to publication. Motion to publish a press release about this grant, after approval by the Town Board, with Michael Sullivan Smith as the contact person. PURETZ/ Putman. Josh Randall, aye; Myles Putman, aye; Michael Sullivan Smith, aye; Susan Puretz, aye; Barry Benepe, aye. Grant and letter on file.
4. **Discussion on Carriage Road/Esopus Bend:** Barry stated that the public hearing for designation should be held in conjunction with the village Historic Review Board since this road borders the town/village line. Motion to hold a public hearing on the designation of this road on September 15, 2010. BENEPE/Puretz. Josh Randall, aye; Myles Putman, aye; Michael Sullivan Smith, aye; Susan Puretz, aye; Barry Benepe, aye.
5. **Old Business:** Josh asked Jimmy Bruno about the financial information which was promised. The Commission has not received a copy of the resolution about the \$1018.42 available to the Commission. The Commission needs the accounting of the Stone House Tour, 2010, income and expenses, which should be reflected in its financial statement.

Josh distributed a copy of the letter sent to the Supervisor and Town Board members regarding the meeting held on June 16, 2010. On file.

6.

New Business : Josh Randall requested a mail slot for Historic Preservation in the Town Hall.

Susan Puretz brought forth the following: The post Stone House Tour survey was mailed last week, responses are coming in.

Susan received a copy of the Old Stone Houses of Saugerties Township, 1975, by the Daughters of the American Revolution from Gertrude Lee of Kingston.

Susan has two extra copies of the April-June Hudson Valley Vernacular Architecture Newsletter, which she gave away.

Josh brought in the information on the Sheffield House in Barclay Heights. It is on the market.

Josh asked Myles Putman to be the secretary pro tem for the next meeting.

7. Motion to adjourn PUTMAN/Smith. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

**Audrey Klinkenberg
Secretary**