

Historic Preservation Commission

February 18, 2013

7 pm

Building Department Conference Room

Minutes

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

Liaison: Jimmy Bruno, Deputy Supervisor

Secretary: Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Historian, Associate County Historian

Guests: none

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm after singing happy birthday to the chair.

Approval of the January, 2013 minutes. It was moved by Barry, seconded by Josh that the minutes be approved with a correction suggested by Susan. Josh, aye; Susan, aye; Michael, aye; Stephen, aye, Barry, aye. Unanimous approval.

Discussion of the culvert on Sacks Lodge Road. Michael wrote a letter to Doug Myer, saying that FEMA would make a decision as to which engineer's plan would be used, since the culvert was not a designated area. Michael displayed two engineering plans. Josh asked when the Commission would be apprised of the chosen plan. There was no answer. Barry suggested that the Commission continue to support the gravel road. Susan believes that the road may be paved. Josh says that the road is paved off Kings Highway to the driveway then it is unpaved.

Susan suggested that if the road is considered for designation that the road also be used as a recreation road for walking, riding and exercise. Barry spoke of the Governor's Safe Streets proposal.

Chair's observations of recent visit of Julian Adams to the Village. Michael discussed the visit of Julian Adams.

Discussion of the commission's relationship to the officials of the Town.

Josh reiterated his suggestion that the Historic Village Review Board and the Historic Preservation Commission combine under the town. Josh stated that he does not believe that the Town Board understands the importance of the historic preservation law. Michael said that if the Historic Village Review Board (hvrb) operated under the law along with the Commission there would be authority to write letters and to bring non-compliance to light. Josh believes that there should be a law encompassing both entities. The Ordinance of the Town and the Zoning laws of the village are much the same. It is interpreted in the village that resolutions made by hvrb must be carried out by the code enforcement officer. If the officer decides not to enforce then no

enforcement is carried out. Susan stated that the town board has only negated certain resolutions made by the Commission. Winston Farm, twice, the East West Road and Opus 40 designations have been turned down by the Town Board. Other properties have been approved, i. e. The Christian Myer home.

Josh moved that the town and village have discussion on the feasibility of combination of the Historic Preservation Commission and the Historic Review Board under the aegis of the Town of Saugerties. Seconded by Susan Poretz. Discussion ensued. Michael suggested that someone in the Building Department review applications for completeness prior to submission to the Commission.

Jimmy stated that he thinks that there will be a fiat coming from upper government leading to consolidation of village and town. Susan asked Jimmy if he thought it would be wise to have Michael and Josh present when this ideas is presented to the Town Board, his response was, "yes".

The question was called:

Josh, aye; Barry, aye; Susan, aye; Michael, aye; Stephen, aye. Unanimous approval.

Discussion of familiarity with the ordinance. Michael had and distributed copies of the Ordinance which the Commission works under, as revised in 2011. Michael stated that he sent each member a copy of the letter he sent to the Trustees of the Village, resigning from the Village Historic Review Board.

Old Business: The CLG Grant. Michael spoke very briefly with Julian Adams last week, and reminded him that the Commission did not use \$5,000 grant money this year and that money was returned. That Commission will reapply in 2014. This money will be used for the guidelines.

New Business: Susan reminded the Commission that her request to renew domain names and the web builder had been tabled in November, 2012. At that time the request was to renew the three domain names at \$9.00 each and to pay for the web builder Godaddy.com, approximately \$60.00. This tabled motion was passed, Josh, aye; Susan, aye; Michael, aye; Stephen, aye, Barry, aye. Unanimous approval.

Adjournment at 8:45 pm

Audrey Klinkenberg

Secretary