

Historic Preservation Commission  
Monday, May 21, 2012  
Building Department Conference Room  
7 pm  
Minutes

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

Ex-Officio: Audrey Klinkenberg, secretary

Liaison: Jimmy Bruno, town board, who appeared but actually attended another meeting.

Meeting called to order by the chair, Josh Randall at 7:00 pm.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting. Moved by Stephen, seconded by Susan to approve the minutes. Josh, aye; Barry, aye; Susan, aye; Michael, aye; Stephen, aye. Unanimous.

2. Historic House Tour Report: Susan's preliminary report indicated that there was an income of \$2,400 income with expenses under \$1,500, 155 tickets were sold, and 33 complimentary tickets were given out although only 11 were used. Two hundred persons took the tour. Publicity was excellent, although the New York Times did not carry it!! We thank the Freeman, the Saugerties Times and Post Star, Kingston Community Radio and the web sites. Hudson Valley Vernacular whose representatives were at Site 5 (the Catskill Animal Sanctuary/ Davis Farm) donated 6 books which were given as gifts to the owners. There was a debriefing meeting held on Thursday for the committee and all agreed that the tour was very successful. The cooperation from the town of Ulster's Supervisor, the town highway department and the town clerk were helpful.

3. Guidelines: Michael reported that the guidelines are still in text form with pictures still to be done. Hopefully, the village web site has a link to the town web site where the guidelines are posted. Some fine tuning is needed. Michael still has the historic landscapes section to do.

4. Bristol Beach Discussion/Endorsement: Brick yard and park. The Conservation Advisory Commission (CAC) is attempting to acquire the Bristol Beach property from the Palisades Park Commission. (PPC) This property is about 100 acres. Barry and Josh toured the area when the CAC did the Bio Diversity Study for the town about 2-3 years ago. There is a kiln, shunt railroad tracks and an engine or car, a brick building, and hulk of a partially sunken barge. The CAC would like to see the shoreline utilized as a kayak launching area. If the town will express an interest in developing the property, the CAC is reasonably sure that PPC will turn it back to the town; however, the town board has to initiate the process. This property was formerly the Staples Brick yard. Josh stated that this Commission should endorse the attempt of the CAC

to reacquire this property for the Town. Moved by Susan, seconded by Barry, that we endorse this action to extend support to the CAC in their attempt to re-obtain the Bristol Beach property from the PPC because we recognize the historic nature of the site. It falls under the protection of the Greenways Program.

Michael raises the issue of previous situations, Winston Farm and Opus 40.

Discussion ensued. Josh believes the area could become a tourist destination.

Josh, aye; Barry, aye; Susan, aye; Michael, aye; Stephen, aye. Approved.

5. Wynkoop house. The Wynkoop house is now on the real estate market with Coldwater Banker, Village Green. Barry had brought photographs which he gave to the developers, and he does not have copies, but the campus development of a Holiday Inn is apparent in Kingston. Barry spoke to Greg Helmoortel, who has not been in contact with the Schallers. Barry also spoke with Jimmy Bruno. Barry wants to approach the Schaller family to see if they would be interested or able to give an acre or two for the building of this hotel. Josh stated that he believes that this may be premature. Josh has been speaking with Franco who is now unsure if the property can be purchased by his group. Barry stated that his pursuit of this property from the Schallers is as a person and not as a member of the Commission.

6. New Business: Marjory Block, the Co-chair of the Economic Development committee, sent a message to Josh asking the Commission to participate in Old Timers Day, August 5. The HPC could have a display; however, the Commission must provide its own table. If placards are to be up, the Commission must notify the Co-chair several days in advance. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that the Commission would participate.

Michael has presented a question regarding the maintenance of historic records within the town. The Town Clerk along with the town Historian is responsible for historic documents. Michael wanted to know where the historic documents should be kept since the library does not have a facility for storing documents and the Kiersted House also does not have the physical capability to house historic documents. Another problem is that the persons responsible for the history room in the Library are not historians. Michael suggests that there be another facility for the storage of historic records. He will communicate with Jimmy Bruno to pass along his concerns.

7. Old Business: At the March meeting it was determined that the election of chairman of the Commission would take place in April when all members were present. Josh opened the floor to nomination and discussion. Barry nominated Josh to be chair, seconded by Stephen. Susan moved the close of nominations, seconded by Stephen. Josh, aye; Barry, aye; Susan, aye; Michael, aye; Stephen, aye. Susan then nominated Michael to be Vice-chair, seconded by Barry. Moved that nominations be closed. Josh, aye; Barry, aye; Susan, aye; Michael, aye; Stephen, aye. No discussion.

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Vote taken for chair, Barry, aye; Susan, aye; Michael, aye; Stephen, aye. Carried, unanimously. Congratulations.

Vote taken for vice chair, Josh, aye; Barry, aye; Susan, aye; Stephen, aye. Carried unanimously. Congratulations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Audrey Klinkenberg  
Secretary