



**TOWN OF SAUGERTIES  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 MEETING**

**Present:** Commission Chair Stefan Yarabek, Commission Vice-Chair Susan Puretz, Commission Members: Ken Myer, Jr. and Peigi Mulligan, Alternates: Jason Nelson and Phyllis Clark, Town Historian Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Board Member Peg Nau, Secretary Jeremy Russell.

**Excused:** Commission Member Alba LaFiandra, Town Board Liaison John Schoonmaker.

(Minutes appear in chronological order. Numbering of items refer to the agenda for the meeting, which is attached)

The Commission met virtually, on the platform Zoom (zoom.us), ID #969-987-8583.

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The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Susan, as Stefan was having problems connecting.

Minutes: Susan asked if they were any corrections to the May, June and July minutes. There were not.

*Stefan made a motion, seconded by Peigi, to accept the minutes of the May, June and July minutes. It was Approved 5-0, with none opposed.*

OLD BUSINESS

1) NYS Landmark Asbury District Update: Stefan announced that New York State had honored the Town of Saugerties by naming the Asbury District as a State landmark, and he said the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) was confident that it would be recognized as a National Landmark as well. Stefan shared the info that the representative of SHPO had been very pleased with the documentation provided by Saugerties. Stefan thanked the Commission, and thanked the residents that wrote letters in support of the nomination. Stefan thought that it was okay to proceed with beginning the process of designating a local district, though he wanted to confirm with the State that it was allowable to hold meetings via Zoom.

Jeremy said that he watched the State meeting in which the district was approved, and said it was available for anyone to view on Youtube. He said that the process was very fast. During the meeting, Jeremy said that somebody had thanked the Trumpbour Family, residents of the District, as the person had worked with the Trumpbours nearly 50 years ago when a nuclear facility was proposed in Cementon, and the Trumpbours helped in stopping the development. Stefan recommended having a party at their house if the local district is passed.

*Peigi made a motion to begin the process of designating the Asbury district as a local landmark, Susan seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0, none opposed.*

2) Ramble Update: The Ramble was held over the weekend, and was sparsely attended. Stefan said that the next step is to transform the map into a universal historic resources map that can be distributed at various venues. Susan thought the map could be reproduced if printings run out; Stefan said it could be placed online; Peigi said it could include stone houses; Stefan liked the idea of including the Village's historic resources on our map.

Stefan shared the fact that the Town received an angry e-mail from the Historical Society about misinformation that appeared in the local newspaper about the HPC's Ramble involvement. He explained that he only intended to promote the Saugerties Farmer's Market and apparently the writer misquoted him in the article.

3) Malden Survey Update: Neil had responded to Stefan's inquiries as to the status of work on our project. Neil said they were behind schedule with the work.

4) Laurent Perron High Tea Update: Susan reported that it was a wonderful afternoon gathering, which was attended by herself, Ken, Peigi, and the Perron family. Michael Sullivan Smith could not attend, but wrote to Susan saying that it was very important for the Perron's to see the HPC in action, researching and caring about another's family history. Susan reported that she found it interesting that all seven participants at the "High Tea" had worked with horses at one time or another in their lives.

After the meeting, the group embarked on visiting the old hamlet of Daisy to try and find the grandparent's house. Peigi had ascertained that the property probably existed on property on Blue Mountain Road, but the structure likely burned down in a 1915 fire.

Stefan thanked everyone involved. He said it was part of the Commission's responsibility, a keystone, to connect people to their historic resources, and that doing so in person enlivens the whole experience. He said it was a very commendable action taken. Peigi said that it was a great day.

5) Historical Markers Committee: Peigi said that everything was essentially on hold as there was so much going on. Peigi wanted to send a letter, but didn't after a number of things started to happen. Peigi said she was uncertain in terms of timing. She thought that whatever happened, she believes the group (that own Saugerties Farms LLC) will maintain the integrity of the historical structures on the properties. She added the Michael Persico had purchased the Wynkoop property, which was another "pot on the stove." She asked the Commission for advice. Ken asked if public meetings would be held; Peigi said they would have to with changes to zoning laws and so on. Ken asked if the Commission should wait for a presentation of more formal plans. Susan asked if Ken meant that we should delay action on the marker for Winston Farm – Peigi said it was Snyder Farm. Stefan thought it would be best to draft a letter to state the intentions of the Commission and at least make the group aware. Peigi said she would draft a letter and collaborate with Jeremy.

Audrey mentioned that the Association of County Historians has a conference on Thursday, and that Pomeroy would be a guest at the conference, in which they would promote their historical marker program(s). Susan asked her to send the link to everyone so they could attend.

6) Winston Farm & Snyder Farm Update: Stefan said the topic had already been fairly well-covered. Stefan said he wrote an e-mail asking the Town Board to refer to the Commission for review and comment during the process. Stefan said it would be a very long process.

*[John Schoonmaker entered the meeting]*

Phyllis asked if there were better copies of the letters or plans printed in Hudson Valley One. John said that he thought there were official plans in the Town Hall, and he said he'd try to get a legible pdf file for everyone. John thought one could go to Town Hall if they had the time.

7) Esopus Creek Update: Stefan said that he had not heard anything. Jeremy mentioned that he spoke to Michael Sullivan Smith, and what he took away was that designating this particular water way would be extremely difficult, as the running water was technically owned by the people of the State of New York, thus requiring deferral to State entities.

8) K/E House/Clovelea Update: Phyllis, as a neighbor of the K/E house, reported that there was a tarp on the roof and that there was electricity on the property. The tarp was up before the second big rain. Stefan said that Clovelea, being in the Village, was just a point of interest for Commission. He relayed a story of having driven around the bend on Church Street and seeing fireman out in front of the property. He said his heart jumped. He pulled up to the fireman, who were raising money through a helmet drop, and told them he was the Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission, and would appreciate if they never did that to him again. The fireman responded with, "Well, I am the Commissioner of the Water Advisory Commission and I can ensure that this building will never burn again."

9) 599 Kings Highway/2<sup>nd</sup> Brink House Update: Stefan received some detailed drawings from Kevin Durkin on the Brink House, and would send them to the Commissioners. Jeremy said that Kevin had reached out to Tyler and Anastasia, new owners of the K/E House, and together they toured the property and Kevin gave his recommendations. Kevin had mentioned that he had considered buying the K/E house some years ago, and Tyler and Anastasia mentioned they had considered buying the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brink House property some years ago.

Peigi asked Phyllis if she lived in the home of Nelson Burhans. Phyllis said she thought the previous owners' surnames were "Yoder." Peigi said that Nelson "The Father" Burhans planted peonies along the driveway. Peigi said she was blanking on which property, but that it was 9W. The story she relayed was that Nelson travelled around the country, and would bring home a clipping, with permission, of peonies, and that was how he was able to line the driveway with peonies from around the world.

## NEW BUSINESS

2) Miscellaneous: Audrey said she has the hard drive from the scanning company (Hudson Digital) for the Highway Commission book. She had not opened it yet to begin reviewing. Audrey said she'd heard from Benson Steel that they had purchased all the materials needed to fix the fence; they just had not been able to do it yet.

Stefan said that the Chair of the Hudson River Valley Greenway and National Heritage Area requested letters of support. Stefan asked for permission to draft a letter, and Susan said she moved the motion.

***Susan made a motion, seconded by Jason, to allow Stefan to write a letter in support of the Hudson River Valley Greenway and National Heritage Area. The motion passed, 5-0, with none opposed.***

Stefan asked Peg and John to convey to the Town Board that it would be helpful to receive a letter from the Board as well.

## MISCELLANEOUS

1) Town Board Liaison's Report: John said that he was happy to see the State Executive Order allowing meetings via Zoom again. He said that there would be another public hearing on the property maintenance law. The law has significant modifications. John is hoping this version gets through, because it would be very helpful to some residents. John said there would be a public hearing on a change to the zoning laws to allow large-scale solar projects. John said this law wouldn't specifically grant permission to a project, it was just a change in the zoning law.

Regarding the Sawyerkill property, Family of Woodstock had assured the Town Board that if their project is allowed to go through, there will still be access for people to walk on the property. John said there was a public hearing for a Stop sign to be placed on Rivka Road, and that it would probably pass.

3) Secretary's Report: None

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Russell

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Susan Puretz - Vice-Chair  
Alba LaFiandra  
Ken Myer, Jr.  
Peigi Mulligan  
Jason Nelson & Phyllis Clark (alternates)  
Audrey Klinkenberg -  
Town Historian, ex officio

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## **Zoom Meeting per Gov. Hochul Exec Order Chapter 417 of 2021; September**

**20, 2021**

**Zoom info: Link -**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9699878583>

Room ID: 969-987-8583

Phone Number to call: 646-558-8656 then dial Room ID

**\*Please note: The order of items on the Agenda are subject to changes as the meeting progresses to accommodate guests and schedules**

Welcome to Guests

Call to Order

Reading of Minutes:

Old Business:

1. NYS Landmark Asbury District: Update:
2. Ramble: Update
3. Malden Survey/District: Update
4. Laurent Perron High Tea: Update
5. Historical Markers Committee: Update
6. Winston Farm & Snyder Farm Update:
7. Esopus Creek: Update
8. K/E House/Clovelea: Update
9. 599 Kings Highway/2<sup>nd</sup> Brink House Update:

New Business:

1. 'All the News that's fit to print': Opus 40 & Ramble Reporting
2. Miscellaneous

Reports:

1. Town Board Liaison's Report
2. Town Historian's Report
3. Secretarial Report

**Next meeting scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:30 – via Zoom**

**Adjournment**