

Historic Preservation Commission

April 26, 2017

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Minutes

Present: Barry Benepe, Susan Puretz vice-chair, Michael Sullivan Smith,

Absent: Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Historian; Myles Putman; Stefan Yarabek, Chair; Bill Schirmer, Town Liaison

Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

1. Minutes of March 20, 2017: Motion to approve with corrections was made (Michael/Barry).

Action: Unanimous Vote to accept with corrections.

2. Planning Board Referral of Kaaterskill Solar: There was much discussion about this agenda item. The major points were:

a. No member had seen the packet/letter.

Reasons:

- the package was sent to the HPC Chair on April 20th, three days after our normal monthly meeting on the third Monday of the month. Today's April 26th meeting was an aberration of the normal date. Thus even if we were notified on Friday, April 20th, that would have left only 4 days to get to Town Hall to see the documents.
- We did not have the documents to review since by the time we met at 5:00, Town Hall was closed and thus we were unable to get the material.

MOTION (Michael/Barry):

Whereas the members of the HPC were not able to view the Kaaterskill Solar packet/letter referral from the Planning Board because of bureaucratic mix-ups;

and

Whereas the HPC is very concerned about the impact of this project on documented historical resources which the Commission is empowered to protect;

MOVED THAT:

1. The Commission asks that our comment period be extended by the Planning Board till after our HPC May 15th meeting since the HPC would like to comment on the proposed Kaaterskill Solar project. Further, the HPC asks the Planning Board to delay action on this proposal until the HPC discusses it at its May 15th meeting.

2. At the May 15th HPC meeting, all Commission members will have had the time to individually examine the packet by that date and will be able to provide informed input to the Planning Board of those deliberations.

ACTION: Unanimously passed.

3. Old Business:

a. Lucette Runsdorf Stone House Visit: Susan informed the Commission that Lucette had suggested two dates and several times on those dates. Calendars were checked and availability dully noted. Susan will send out an email asking about the availability of the absent HPC members and will then get back to Lucette.

4. New Business: No New Business.

Motion to Adjourn (Michael/Barry) moved at 6:00pm. Action: Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Poretz, Secretary Pro Tem