



**TOWN OF SAUGERTIES  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 16, 2021 MEETING**

**Present:** Commission Chair Stefan Yarabek, Commission Vice-Chair Susan Puretz, Commission Members: Ken Myer, Jr., Peigi Mulligan, Town Historian Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Board Member Peg Nau, Members of Public: Phyllis Clark, Anastasia Maher, Tyler Roebuck, Secretary Jeremy Russell.

**Excused:** Commission Member Alba LaFiandra, Commission Alternate Jason Nelson, 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 5:59 PM by Stefan.

**NEW BUSINESS**

2) Second Alternate Nomination: Several attendees had not yet logged in. Stefan said he'd start the meeting since it was a later starting time than usual. Stefan introduced the nomination of Phyllis Clark as a second alternate member. Susan said she and Phyllis had met at Lifespring, she had been attending Commission meetings, and so Susan reached out to learn she was interested in history, "new" to the area, and recently newly retired. She said it was a natural outgrowth to ask to join the Commission.

Phyllis said that as the bells of the Palatine Church were going off some yards away from where she sat, bells in her head were going off. She said she'd met the History Whisperers, and a number of others that had helped out historically, and she wanted to give back. She mentioned being down the road from the Kocherthal-Eligh House and that it was beautiful. "Progress starts with documenting our history."

Stefan thanked Susan and Phyllis. Stefan asked to nominate Phyllis to the Commission as the second alternate. Audrey asked if there was a quorum. Jeremy said that there was.

***Stefan made a motion to make Phyllis an alternate member of the Historic Preservation Commission, Susan seconded the motion. The Commission voted 4-0, (Peigi was not yet present, Alba was not present, Jason had previously voted in approval by e-mail ) to add Phyllis E. Clark as second alternate. (Later, Susan asked to have a revote to allow Peigi to vote, she expressed her approval)***

Stefan briefly mentioned that Alba had indicated she would be out of commission for some time, and she had expressed interest in having someone take over for her at some point. Stefan said he was hopeful Jason or Phyllis

would have the interest to do so. Stefan mentioned that Alba was very concerned with the edict of having to meet in person again.

*[ Peigi arrives at this point]*

Stefan said that Hudson Valley Greenway had instituted a policy in which proxies could be appointed for in person meetings, if needed. Stefan said that the Town was directed by the State, but, Stefan challenged that decision.

Stefan asked to postpone the vote on the acceptance of minutes, as everyone had received them that day and not had a chance to review.

### OLD BUSINESS

1) Asbury District Update: Stefan said that Jeremy had received a request for a final report from the State. Jeremy said he was fine with handling it. He said the State asks for a report accepting the designation of the Asbury District. Jeremy said he was confused as he thought it was self-evident since the Commission had funded the nomination. Stefan said he was a little surprised the office sent the report, but that we should just cross the t's and dot the i's.

Jeremy asked if there was an update on the Neil Larson payment. Stefan said that since not having a budget to work with, the Town must be forwarded the invoice to vote on, and Neil Larson's invoice was never paid, meaning it was lost in the shuffle somewhere. He thought he and Jeremy would sort it out.

2) Malden Survey Update: Stefan said that John had not input information for Neil to analyze. Stefan would follow up.

3) Historical Markers Committee Update: There was nothing new to report.

4) Map and Ramble Update: Jeremy said that he would circulate a list so that the members could choose which properties to highlight within the map. He said that Staples and Colorpages had given turnaround times of 10 days or under. Stefan said that the sooner it is done, the better.

5) Winston Farm Update: Stefan said that Peigi had already addressed the issue quite eloquently already (at the July meeting). Stefan thought that since the group had not really developed or proposed a plan, there wasn't much more that needed to be said. He said that it was a positive sign that the HPC was invited to the table. Peigi noted that Snyder's Farm should be included in future talks and documentation on the subject, so that both families could be represented.

6) Cemetery Update: Audrey had not yet heard from Mr. Benson from Benson Steel. According to Audrey, he had told her previously that they had acquired the materials for the project, but got busy over the summer. Audrey noted she'd been in Lake George since July 1<sup>st</sup>. Margaret Yellen, a member of the Episcopal Church, had e-mailed her and asked if she could reimburse Audrey for the amount paid to have (Henry Barclay's) the gravestone cleaned. She has spent \$150.00.

Susan asked if Audrey would be accepting it as Town Historian or as Historic Preservation Commission. Audrey said she had other plans for the project in total. Peigi suggested using it on the project, and whatever was leftover, donate back to the church. Ken was asked whether he needed reimbursement for the sign he made, and he said no, effusively. He said that everything was provided to him for free, as well.

Susan asked if everyone had received her note about the Finger restoration's project. Audrey said she would back to the person that asked. She said the American Legion was very interested in the project, but were confused about a right-of-way on the property. The American Legion didn't want to traverse private property, so they project in total had been abandoned. Peigi thought the owner of the private property was very amenable to anyone doing this type of work. Audrey thought it might be best to contact the American Legion again in the fall. Susan asked where the Cemetery was. Audrey said it was near the Plattekill Church. Ken said that the driveway is at the property of a wooden house. Audrey said that the Cemetery is sometimes called the Brink Cemetery. She said she'd been trying to get the cemetery cleaned up for years.

After Jeremy asked if this was the cemetery Henry Barclay was buried and gave everyone a laugh, he mentioned that'd he'd gone looking for Henry Barclay's gravestone on the correct grounds, and could not find it. Audrey said it was the biggest, whitest gravestone, and it shines like a beacon. Audrey said she'd take Jeremy for a walk when she returned home.

7) Esopus Creek: Stefan didn't think anything had transpired in the last month on the Esopus Creek. John was not present, but Peg noted that the nothing had taken place and the subject was not brought up at a Town Board meeting the prior two months. Jeremy said that he found a legal opinion in Barry's material suggesting that bodies of water could be designated, but that it required much more documentation than a typical designation.

8) K/E House/Clovelea Update: The prospective new owners, Tyler Roebuck and Anastasia Maher were present. They had submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness for the prior week for work to begin on the roof as soon as they became owners. Stefan noted that the submission was everything the Commission needed, and nothing jumped out as being incorrect. Stefan did not think there was a quorum present. Audrey, Susan and Peigi corrected him. Stefan asked the Commission if they'd had enough time to review. Peigi said she felt the same – that nothing jumped out to her.

***Peigi made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Kocherthal/Eligh House and Property, at 4206 Rt. 9W, seconded by Susan. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0, none opposed.***

Peigi congratulated the couple and “welcomed them.” Phyllis said they had a long road ahead of them.

*[Anastasia and Tyler left the meeting]*

9) Laurent Perron Update: Susan explained that Laurent had been in contact with her through Mark Smith. The Commission had provided some research; the couple lived in Texas for some time, then sold their property and started driving the county in an RV. Because the family story was so captivating, Susan had organized a small party at her house on September 11 at 3:00 PM with Laurent. The family invited anyone to join them in tracing their steps around Daisy.

## NEW BUSINESS

1) Christian Myer House: Stefan said he'd received a report that work was being done on the house. Susan started reporting, but stopped after realizing she'd made a mistake. Ken asked if "Phillips" still owned the house. Audrey thought that was the case. She said his lawn maintenance person had a friend that passed away that had maintained the property, and the owner hadn't hired a new person to maintain the property.

2) Second Alternate Nomination: Previously addressed.

3) Miscellaneous/Other: Stefan and Ken had met with the director and a trustee of the board of the Opus 40 not-for-profit. Stefan had learned that the Town had no fence ordinance, and the building department did not believe it could be referred to the Commission. Stefan said the meeting went well; the director assured Stefan and Ken that it was a temporary solution. Town Supervisor Costello was trying to negotiate a middle ground for the parties. Stefan believed that there was no action necessary. Susan said it was important to stress that the fence was a temporary solution for legal protection.

Jeremy asked if Stefan had thought there were any other options. Stefan said they'd consider other, more sensitive fencing. The board's attorneys had advised them that a six-foot fence would be required. Stefan thought a glass panel to see through might be a better solution; he did say that the Supervisor was working toward a healthy solution.

Peigi put together and distributed work on the Wynkoop property, which was attached to the Winston Farm property. Peigi asked if anyone would like to read what she'd put together – Ken and Phyllis asked for it. Phyllis commented that it was the first house she saw when she came to look at property in the area. Peigi said that the situation reminded her of Clovelea in that the house has sat, unoccupied for all these years, and everyone hopes that someone can give it TLC, but no one really has the pocketbooks. She believes the new owner might be sensitive to the history of the area. Susan asked for a copy as well.

## REPORTS

1) Town Board Liaison's Report: John was not present. Peg Nau said that there were a few very short meetings. She thought Vernon Benjamin would be the best to know about Esopus Creek. Stefan said had not heard from John where the Commission could meet.

2) Town Historian's Report: Audrey had not heard from the digitizing company with the early Saugerties Roads Commission book.

3) Secretary's Report: None

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Russell

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Supervisor - Fred Costello  
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## Members

Stefan Yarabek - Chair  
Susan Puretz - Vice-Chair  
Alba LaFiandra  
Ken Myer, Jr.  
Peigi Mulligan  
Jason Nelson (alternate)  
Audrey Klinkenberg -  
Town Historian, ex officio

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## Covid19 Web-Meeting, August 16th, 2021 at 6:00 pm

### Agenda

**Zoom info:** Link - <https://uso2web.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**

Call to Order

### Old Business:

1. Asbury District: Update
2. Malden Survey/District: Update
3. Historical Markers Committee: Update
4. Map and Ramble: Update
5. Winston Farm: Update
6. Cemetery: Update
7. Esopus Creek: Update
8. K/E House/Clovelea: Update
9. Laurent Perron: Update

### New Business:

1. Christian Myer House: Report
2. Second Alternate Nomination: Report
3. Miscellaneous/Other

### Reports:

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

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for September 20th, 2021 at 5:30 or 6:00 pm - via Zoom or at Senior Center, Saugerties  
Adjournment