

Subj: **Minutes for Preservation Committee meeting 7/30/04**
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MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held July 30, 2004 at the Town Building.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barry Benepe, with the following Commission members present: Elizabeth Shafer, William H. Trumpbour and Barry Benepe. A list of everyone attending the meeting is attached.

There was a discussion concerning the approach to the Wynkoop House on Route 32 and how to handle the landscaping and gas station signs. On August 3rd there will be the first of two hearings on the Town Gateway Amendment to the Zoning Law. Apparently 10 feet of grass will be required between the property and Route 32 according to the proposed Amendment. The Amendment leaves out residential areas, and tells new developers what to do.

Barry Benepe suggested that we should start thinking about forming historic districts. In order to do this we will need good maps to work with. He thought there might possibly be grant money available for such a project. This should be explored further.

Barry read a draft of a letter Bill Trumpbour had prepared to be sent to the Katsbaan Church inviting them to have the Church property designated. Elizabeth Shafer made a motion that the letter be accepted as read. The motion was seconded and carried.

There was a discussion period about the duties of the Commission in which Barry explained that the Commission was only authorized to act in an advisory capacity for any interior work, but had authority over exterior changes. He also explained that there is a tax abatement for 10 years on any new additions to premises which are on the State and National Register of Historic Property. It was discussed and decided once again that the regular meetings of the Commission would be held the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Barry also said that the Commission can designate local roads and mark historic trails. He believes that the Greenway has funds available for scenic roads programs. There was no action taken on any of these ideas.

Barry suggested that we put on file resumes of people who might be interested in becoming Commission members in the future. Josh and Marti Randall said they would be interested in being on the Commission. Barry said that Mary Ickes would also be a good candidate.

Marti Randall reported that Jesse Emerick would like her house and barn on Emerick Road designated. She will bring us the information necessary to do this to the next meeting.

Our next meeting will be held Monday, August 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. Bill Trumpbour suggested that we have our meeting first to be followed by guests from now on.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

**Eliner W. Trumpbour
Secretary**