

**Town of Saugerties
Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of the February 19, 2018 meeting.**

Present: Susan Poretz, Vice-Chairwoman; Commission members Myles Putman, Secretary; and Michael Sullivan Smith; Town Historian Audrey Klinkenberg; Town Board Liaisons Paul Andreassen and John Schoonmaker.

Excused: Commission Chair Stefan Yarabek and member Barry Benepe.

The Commission met in the conference room adjacent to the Building Department offices at Town Hall. Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Poretz at 5:07 pm.

Approval of minutes of January 16, 2018 Commission meeting.

Motion by Michael Sullivan Smith to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by Susan Poretz; approved unanimously.

Old Business.

1. SHPO CLG Audit. Documents were circulated electronically earlier in the month by Stefan. Myles reviewed a digital copy and summarized the questions regarding the activity of the Commission, and other historic preservation initiatives undertaken in the Town, within the past reporting year. Michael asked if SHPO is now asking us to complete two years' of reports - for 2017 and 2016? Some clarification is needed.

Susan assigned tasks. Myles will compile the minutes. Michael will handle the technical details. Stefan will complete the forms. Myles has also compiled a draft summary table of the Commission's activities in 2017, which was circulated electronically prior to the meeting..

2. Bus Tour. Susan provided the following updates:

(A) The tour planning committee met on February 12, and summary was circulated earlier. Susan thanked Paul for sitting in on the committee meeting.

(B) The house tour website domain has been renewed for two more years. Michael will create the webpage for this tour. He will coordinate with Jolene Adams, who is handling the Facebook page.

(C) We are awaiting the completion of the Town Attorney's review of the documents that address use of the High School property and facilities; the bus contract; landowner liability, food service, ticket disclaimer wording and insurance coverage for volunteers..

(D) Susan will be running the tour route with Lucette Runsdorf tomorrow (2-20-2018).

3. Stone House Memorial Resolution. Nothing to report this month. The Commission would like to see some action on this matter. Susan will ask Stefan for any updates. Tabled until March.
4. Asbury District Designation. Michael has been in contact with Bill Trumpbour, but not yet with his son Clay. It was noted that David Smith (owner of the Comfort Smith house and over 200 acres of land) died about a month ago. Tabled until March.
5. Central Hudson Power Line upgrade (PSC Application). Myles called to the Commission's attention the opportunity to comment on Central Hudson's application before the state Public Service Commission (PSC), as an interested party. The Commission must first formally request from the PSC standing as a commenting "party", and there is a process by which the Commission can make this request on-line.

Myles prepared and e-mailed earlier today a draft resolution of the Historic Preservation Commission to this effect. Myles asked the Town Board liaisons about the need for a Town Board review and possible approval. Paul responded that this resolution should be sent to the Town Board for their review and decision to authorize the Commission to represent the Town of Saugerties in this matter. Paul suggested that an additional paragraph be inserted in the "Now Therefore be it Resolved" section, in front of the existing paragraph in this section, said paragraph to specifically cite a referral of the resolution, as adopted by the Commission, for its review and action, which will then authorize the Commission Secretary to follow through on the registration with the PSC as described in the existing paragraph in this section, and to make appropriate wording and grammatical changes in this section as needed.

Motion by Susan Poretz to adopt the resolution, requesting "party" status with the NYS PSC, dated February 19, 2018, and as further amended in the manner outlined by Town Councilman Andreassen, and further to have said revised resolution forwarded to the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties for action in a timely manner; seconded by Michael Sullivan Smith; approved unanimously.

6. Other Old Business. There was no other old business to discuss.

New Business.

1. Winston Farm. In light of the discussion over possible projects at last month's meeting, Susan said that we should revisit the Winston Farm. Michael added that the our focus under the Town Code are the historic buildings, historic uses and the historic road. The recognition of "heritage soils" would appear to be more relevant to the Conservation Advisory Commission.
2. SHPO Grant. Documents were circulated earlier by Stefan. Michael was reluctant to go through the process again. Myles noted the March 19, 2018 deadline date. The timeframe is too short to work within this year. Audrey asked if there were projects we could think of for 2019. Susan was in agreement. Michael suggested that we should ask Stefan for ideas. A subcommittee could also be appointed to look at grant opportunities throughout the year.
3. Other New Business. There was no other new business to discuss.

Miscellaneous Business.

1. There was brief discussion over the sudden passing of Town Justice Dan Lamb.
2. Town Historian Report. Audrey cited several transcription projects - the Brink diaries, the Wolven family papers and the American Legion records from the early 1900's. Audrey hopes to compile a history of the American Legion. She is up to 1889 in the Brink diaries.
3. Myles stated that there is some interest in the Town of Esopus on historic preservation, and asked about the Commission possibly providing some technical assistance. His idea was that a few people from Esopus, including the Supervisor, could sit in on a Commission meeting, for a short discussion, or a separate session could be scheduled to focus on this topic. Myles noted that two of the Commission members were original members when the commission was established and further had the experience of participating in the 2005 inventory.

Michael said that the Commission did indeed do something similar for the Town of Hurley, meeting with interested individuals of Hurley at the Hurley Town Hall at an agreed-to time and place dedicated to this

discussion.

Myles said he will follow up on this with the Esopus Supervisor, Shannon Harris.

Finding no further Commission business to be discussed, a motion was made by Michael Sullivan Smith to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Myles Putman.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Myles Putman
Secretary
Town of Saugerties Historic Preservation Commission