

Historic Preservation Commission  
July 15th, 2013  
7:00 pm, Building Dept. Conference Room  
Minutes

Present: Michael Sullivan Smith, Barry Benepe, Susan Puretz, Steven Shafer, Josh Randall

Secretary: Audrey Klinkenberg, Town Historian, Associate County Historian

Liaison: Jimmy Bruno, Deputy Town Supervisor

Guest: Timothy Smith, Stonemason working on Opus 40.

1. Approval of minutes of June 17, 2013 meeting.

Josh moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, seconded by Steven.

Michael, aye; Steven, aye; Susan, aye; Barry, aye; Josh, aye. Unanimous.

2. Presentation by Timothy Smith on the Opus 40 repair of collapsed wall. Mr. Smith presented a power point presentation called "Historic Restoration of Opus 40". Mr. Smith began by acclaiming the local history of the area. He stated that local masons were used in the repair of the walls at Opus 40. There are two areas at Opus 40 which were damaged by weather related incidents. The plan is to restore the area to look exactly as it did, but to do it correctly. Within the last 30 years the backfill, done by Harvey Fite, has shifted. The area, as a historic structure, is a learning ground for young people. Mr. Smith has given Tad Richards a plan for the historic preservation of the entire structure. Mr. Smith showed pictures of the areas where the stones have fallen and the area where there is a bulge. Mr. Smith has been a mason for 50 years. The 'blown' out area will be repaired next spring using the methods which Mr. Fite used. Mr. Smith also showed the work done at St. John the Divine, on the tower. Answering questions, Mr. Smith believes that it will be a five year project to restore the whole of Opus 40. There will be a grant application to pay for the project.

3. Discussion of letter in support of TV23 streaming web site. Channel 23 will form a committee in order to decide whether or not they will accept the donation. Leeanne Thornton is working on this, as she had the same idea regarding requesting donations. Michael has the three videos on the site.

4. Julian Adams (State Office of Historic Preservation) thinks that it would be a good idea to work together with the village on a Survey of Historical Structures.

5. Beginning of a discussion on formulating policy for exercising powers of section 4 of the ordinance beginning with A - identifying of criteria. A) adoption of criteria for the identification of significant historic architectural, architectural, archaeological and cultural landmarks and the for delineation of historic districts. Michael found three surveys, which are important, which happened in 1951, the opening of the original section of the Thruway, between Saugerties to Catskill. The collection includes the information about Saugerties Farm, Byrnes corners and land near Asbury Corners, as it relates to the building of the Thruway. The town has a great historic transportation background.

6. Involvement in Clovelea cleanup, Saturday July 20, 2013. The Village Historical Review Board has designated the three properties which make up the properties of Clovelea.

7. New business: The William G. Pomeroy Foundation has a grant application for signage for Historically Designated properties. Barry moves that the Commission apply for a grant for a sign for the Wynkoop House. There are certain requirements necessary including a letter from the owner allowing the sign, a copy of the letter from the Department of the Interior designating the property and other criteria. Josh seconded the motion. Michael, aye; Steven, aye; Susan, aye; Barry, aye; Josh, aye. Unanimous. Josh will work on the application.

Old business: none

Adjournment at 9:09 pm

Audrey Klinkenberg  
Secretary