

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, May 21, 2007

Attendance - Board Members: Josh Randall, Barry Benepe, Susan Puretz, Michael Smith, and Cheryl Van Schaack, Secretary.

Absent: Leanne Thornton, Town Board Liaison

Public: John N. Vagianelis, Esq., Carolyn Specht, Ralph Schaller, Jeremy Schaller, Terry Gilbride, Michael E. Catalinotto, Marti Randall & Heather Plonchak.

1. **Minutes of April Meeting:** There were corrections to the April minutes. Josh moved to accept the April minutes as amended. Susan Puretz seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Corrected April minutes will be sent out via e-mail.

2. **Correspondence and Reports:**

1. The Shafer's sent in a letter in regards to setting up a meeting date for the Historic Preservation Commission to visit the Anchorage Farm. The afternoon of June 10th will possibly be the date for the house and property tour.
2. Barry passed out two letters: one to John Vagianelis & William Hurst and the other a letter to Stephen & Elizabeth Shafer.
3. Josh described the tour of the Ashokan Dam on May 2nd with Thomas S. Winston, III, a retired Real Estate Attorney in Richmond, V.A., the grandnephew of James O. Winston, Sr., and the grandson of Thomas S. Winston. The tour was arranged following a request by his friend, Kim Kerns, a former Saugerties resident. Josh provided research information that he found as a result of a follow-up to a comment about Winston having several patents. It seems that James L. Winston was granted a patent for an apparatus for molding blocks. Josh also said that the visit to the Dam site was reported by the Kingston Freeman and that one of the photos was of the patent machine in operation. Marti Randall asked for and was given permission to describe the tour.

Terry Gilbride objected to what he viewed as a discussion of the Winston Farm under Item 3 on the agenda by a member of the public after the hearing was closed. John Vagianelis clarified that this was simply a report on the visit under item 2.

d. Barry reported on his visit to the Washburn Brick Plant in Glasco to photograph it at the request of Karlyn Elia.

e. Barry went with Susan to see the West Camp Palatine Burial ground and took some photographs. There are some pretty interesting stones, this property has already been designated, and this information would help record its significance.

f. Barry was asked by Kathy Kreda to look at a barn on her property to assess its historical importance. Other members of the commission were already familiar with it. It appears to be a 20th century barn in extremely dilapidated condition. Other members of the commission were already familiar with it. It appears to be a 20th Century barn in extremely dilapidated condition.

3. **Proposed Designation of Winston Farm:**

Barry recapped the history of the Winston Farm:

1. The first hearing was September 26, 2005, on both the Winston and Snyder Farm together.
2. The Snyder Farm was designated on February 20, 2006.
3. The Winston Farm was not acted on at that time to allow time for presentation of a full range of testimony from both those in favor and those against.
4. The Historic Preservation Commission heard testimony during the following months, and made a designation April 17, 2006.
5. May 25, 2006 the Town Board voted to void the designation without prejudice.
6. October 16, 2006 the Commission opened the second set of public hearings on the Winston Farm designation and the hearing was closed on April 30, 2006.
7. At this meeting, Barry indicated that the Commission was beginning deliberations. Each member gave an initial statement.
8. Barry said that Marti Randall had previously submitted detailed documentation.
9. The Commission will make their final decision on June 18 within the 62 days allowed by law.
10. MOTION (Randall/Puretz): Josh made a motion that the Commission vote at the next meeting on June 18th:

The vote is as follows:

Josh Randall: Yes Susan Puretz: Yes

Barry Benepe: Yes Michael Smith: Yes

11. There was some further discussion with John Vagianalis, the Town lawyer on procedural issues regarding deliberations.

4. **Old Business:**

a. Replacement for Bill Trumbour: is being sought. Josh and Susan met with Myles Putnam who had applied earlier for a previous vacancy. He seems well qualified. Ads in the papers have not been responded to.

MOTION (Puretz/Randall): Susan made a motion to ask the Town Board to add Myles Putman to the Commission.

ACTION: Passed unanimously.

2. Discussion re: Augustus Savage Road (designated March 24, 1999) public versus private road.
3. Clarification: Michael said that the 2004 Amendments to the National Register, allows the owner to decline designation. However, Josh said that the state is different; the owner's declination does not stop the process.

Adjournment: Josh Randall moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Susan Puretz, and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be held, Monday, June 18th @ 7:00 p.m.

Cheryl Van Schaack, Recording Secretary