

TOWN OF SAUGERTIES HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
VILLAGE OF SAUGERTIES HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD

Monday, January 17, 2010 ~ 6 p. m.
Town Building Department Conference Room

Present: Josh Randall, Michael Sullivan Smith, Barry Benepe, Myles Putman, Susan Puretz

Village of Saugerties Historic Review Board: Richard Frisbie, Dave Minch

Town Historian: Audrey Klinkenberg, ex officio

Liaison: Jimmy Bruno, Town Councilperson

Joint workshop 6:00 pm

1. Michael Sullivan Smith started the workshop with a power point presentation of a portion of the new Guideline Pamphlet. He has about 16 pages ready. Josh raised the question of money; we have a grant for \$5,000 with no additional monies available. The Historic Preservation Commission has money carried over from 2009, about \$3,000. The grant received requires in kind or matching donations. Volunteers will be rated at \$11.50 per hour for the matching time. Michael expects there to be 500 volunteer hours. Each member of the group Board and Commission should read the pamphlet for correctness and flow and keep track of the number of hours for this project.

Final distribution will be by mail along with the Penny Saver. Richard Frisbie is considering Tri State Litho in Kingston for the printing of the pamphlet. Josh asked about Mark IV Printing and Vertis, as printers. Josh will investigate both as possible printers.

Richard asked whether the town and village have to approve the wording before it is published. Dave Minch asked whether the town and village lawyers should be asked to approve the pamphlet. This pamphlet follows the model Certified Local Government (CLG) ordinance. Susan stated that the lawyers would charge the town and village for their time. Richard stated that we might suggest to the town and village that the lawyers might wish to review the pamphlet. The CLG will have the final say as to whether publication will take place.

Josh raised the question of the possibility of merger between the Village Historic Review Board and the Historic Preservation Commission. The next logical step is the conjoining of the town and village building inspector and the town highway department with the village public works department.

Dave Minch brought up the Ithaca Law regarding taxation of historically designated property improvements. Local town law # 3-2007, regulates tax exemption for designation.

All municipal taxing districts need to be on board in accepting this law.

Michael will be assigning portions of the guidelines to individuals. Dave Minch to work on windows, Barry is working on standards for structural rehabilitation work, i. e. additions and new construction. Other guideline choices are style, roofs, windows, porches and decks, doors, storefronts, walls. Members of both groups will be notified by e-mail regarding availability of the choices or be given an assignment. Richard will be sending out the e-mails.

2. The Carriage Road, common interests. The Esopus Creek Conservancy (ECC) has requested both town and village to assist them with the trail, the carriage road, and would like a meeting with all parties. Michael and Barry are both willing to work with the ECC board in the spring. Signage will have to be designed. A larger entry panel with smaller signs along the road is under consideration.

3. The Town Bicentennial Celebration, common interests. A column in the Post Star, Bicentennial Bits, will cover historic items. The Town of Saugerties will be featured in the display area on the 2nd floor of the County Office Building from May until August. The Historical Preservation Commission has been asked to provide a montage of designated properties from the town. Copies of the stone house tour books will also be displayed.

The joint meeting was adjourned 7:55 pm.
Members of the Historic Review Board left the room.

The Historic Preservation Commission

1. Moved by Barry Benepe, seconded by Susan Puretz that the minutes of the December 20, 2010 meeting be accepted as written. Unanimous approval.

2. Update on the status of Opus 40. There is concern about where the money is to come from. There is a need for 800 K. A matching grant of 400 K from the state has been received. It will be used to purchase the property owned by the heirs, which includes the artifacts. The ownership of not for profit portion of the property will be turned over to the town. There has been no negotiation nor is there a contract for the sale of this property. The Historic Preservation Commission has not been asked for any input regarding this transaction. The ordinance states that the Historic Preservation Commission must be a part of the discussion. Josh has requested that Jimmy Bruno ask Vernon Benjamin to address the Historic Preservation Commission at the next meeting. Lot 10 of the property was designated on December 27, 2004 by the Historic Preservation Commission.

3. Discussion regarding Winston Farm Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS). Josh distributed an article from The Kingston Freeman, December 29, 2010. The last two paragraphs mention Winston Farm. The state environmental review firm has been selected for the property. Jimmy Bruno stated that there is no money to move forward at this time.

4. There will be a public hearing on Historic Preservation Commission ordinance changes beginning at 6 pm on January 19, 2011 at the Frank E. Greco Senior Citizen Center.

5. Susan Puretz reported on the Stone House Committee's last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19. Hopefully a final decision on the selection of houses will be made at this meeting. Susan is preparing a press release on the tour.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

Audrey Klinkenberg

Secretary