

Town of Saugerties Historic Preservation Commission
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Town of Saugerties was held on January 19, 2009.

Present: Barry Benepe, Josh Randall, Michael Sullivan Smith, Susan Puretz, Leeanne Thornton.

Additional Attendees: Audrey Klinkenberg

Guests: Joseph and Janette Sauer, Victor and Susan Sachar, Ed. Roeser.

Barry opened the meeting at 7:15.

Audrey Klinkenberg was appointed secretary pro tem.

1. **Minutes of December 15, 2008.** Following review and discussion, which included corrections in two names, that of Rich Gromeck and Dr. Cary Cook, Josh made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Barry. Josh: aye, Michael: aye, Susan; aye, Barry; aye. Motion passed.
2. **Request from Stephen Shafer to support his application to place the James Brink property on the State Register of Historic Places.** Josh moved that the commission send a letter in support of this application, seconded by Susan. Barry will send the letter. Josh; aye, Michael: aye, Susan; aye, Barry; aye. Motion passed.
3. **Update on the Cockburn/Snyder House at 675 Churchland Road, scheduled for a public hearing on February 16.** This agenda item was moved up to accommodate the guests. Michael reviewed the report from Rich Gromeck, who visited the house. Michael gave a handout showing the property boundaries based on the deed of 1775. Mr. Gromeck believes the house was built in 1830-1840 based on the composition of the mortar and the size of the bricks (1 3/4" by 8") used in the construction. The stone which says '1742, WS' may have been moved from an earlier home. The second building was most probably a detached kitchen. Much discussion from the family regarding their ability to add to the home, particularly a patio and pool. Barry explained that the Commission would have to review to see if the new plans were appropriate to the historic nature and rural landscape of the property for any external changes. Leeann will ask the town clerk to send a copy of the ordinance to the Sauers and the Sachars. Josh Randall raised the question of inclusion of the barns within the historic designation. Designation boundaries are not the same as property boundaries. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Sachar for bringing brick, mortar, and window pieces from the attic of the house for us to see. The public hearing will be held at the

Frank C. Greco Senior Center on February 16, 2009 beginning at 7 pm.

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4. Update on the Stone House Tour scheduled to take place on May 16. Susan displayed the free standing sign which will be used at each of the homes on the tour. The signs will be double sided, "Historic House Tour" with a number.

Josh will donate steel frames 24 x 36 for the signs.

Discussion about the type of pamphlet or brochure which will be handed out. A tri-fold vs a packet of material, which will include a map, descriptions of the homes and a picture of each home. Josh moved to allow Susan Poretz to design the pamphlet, Barry seconded. Barry; aye, Michael: aye, Josh; aye. Motion passed.

Discussion then ensued regarding the finalization of the homes. There will be eight (8) homes, four (4) on the northern side of the Town of Saugerties and four (4) on the southern side. Three of the homes will be open. The open homes are the Persen-Mynderse house, the Cornelius Persen House and the Aaron and Marius Snyder House. The tour will begin at the Tourist Kiosk, Route 212, Saugerties. Josh moved to make Susan the chair of the sub committee with authority to make decisions, seconded by Barry. Michael; aye, Barry; aye, Josh: aye.

5. The update on the Blue Mountain Crossroads Historic District and the proposed designation of Niger and Old Carriage Roads was delayed at this time.

6. New Business: Barry stated that the flotilla on the Hudson will be a large part of the Quadricentennial celebration. Captain Reynolds will lead the flotilla with The Half Moon. Leeanne noted that Capt. Reynolds is interested in making a documentary for The Half Moon's educational program.

Josh Randall announced that there are two (2) stone houses on the market, the Randall Soucy property on Old 212 and Band Camp Rd. and property owned by Hudson River Builders Inc. at 1 Washburn Farm Rd. which is across from the Flatbush Reformed Church. He also notes the location of the Malakoff House on Rt. 32, next to the Flatbush Reformed Church, which perhaps should receive landmark designation.

Josh prepared a two page hand out similar to one used by the State Register of Historic Properties. He envisions that each property we designate would be documented on the handout, papers would be kept in a notebook, readily available for any interested parties.

Michael gave copies of the CD which has three parts of his History Atlas.

Next meeting, including a public hearing on Cockburn/Snyder House, will be held on February 17, 2009, at the Frank C. Greco Senior Center on Market Street, beginning at 7 PM.

Josh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Susan, unanimous.
Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm
Audrey Klinkenberg, Secretary pro tem