

Historic Preservation Commission
October 22, 2018, 5:00 p. m.
Building Department Conference Room

Present: Susan Poretz, Michael Sullivan Smith, Peigi Mulligan

*Barry Benepe
John Schoonmaker*

Guests: Richard Walker, Jamie Fine, Ken Myer, Jr.

Town Historian: Audrey Klinkenberg

Absent: ~~Barry Benepe~~, Stefan Yarabek

Excused: Stefan Yarabek, Paul Andreassen, Town Council liaison

Meeting called to order by vice chairman Susan Poretz at 5:04 p. m.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the June 18, 2018 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission were brought to the table. Michael Sullivan Smith moved their adoption, seconded by Susan Poretz. Michael, aye, Peigi Mulligan, aye, Susan, aye. Unanimous approval.

Susan Poretz noted that Jodi, the secretary, has not responded to emails and is not present this evening. Susan will recommend that the town hire another secretary. Audrey was asked to take the minutes.

July minutes - Susan edited the minutes of the secretary Jodi. Both sets of minutes were distributed. Then the cleaned up version of the tracked minutes was distributed. Additional information: Mark Smith was a guest at the meeting. Motion to approve as corrected made by Peigi Mulligan and seconded by Michael Sullivan Smith. Michael, aye, Peigi Mulligan, aye, Susan, aye. Unanimous approval.

There was no meeting in August.

Minutes of Sept 17. Correction to number 2 under new business change stone house, to school house, School No. 17, Veteran School House.

Barry Benepe and John Schoonmaker arrived at 5:14

10 minutes late

A motion to accept the minutes of September 17 as corrected was made by Michael Sullivan Smith and seconded by Peigi Mulligan. Michael, aye, Peigi Mulligan, aye, Susan, aye, Barry, aye. Unanimous approval.

The Minutes of the Budget Meeting held Sept 24 were presented. No corrections were needed. Motion by Peigi Mulligan to accept, seconded by Michael Sullivan Smith, Michael, aye, Peigi Mulligan, aye, Susan, aye, Barry, aye. Unanimous approval.

UPDATES:

A duplication of the "Training Manual for Historic Preservation Commission: a Primer for New Members"

was distributed by Susan Poretz to all members.

Web site update: Susan checked the web site for the Historic Preservation Commission

It says: To implement the town's historic preservation ordinance Protect, Enhance and Promote landmarks and historic districts. Help preserve the historic, architectural, archeological and cultural heritage of the Town. Issue certificates of appropriateness for improvements to historic sites.

The question of using phone numbers on the web site came up. It was decided that phone numbers would be eliminated.

The town historian will not be included on the web site, except in name.

Should there be a link to the ordinance creating the commission? The commission would like a link.

Susan will take care of the web site issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Asbury Historic District Michael Sullivan Smith, brought maps of the hamlets of the town. About 80% of the Asbury hamlet would be part of the designation. Michael stated that the reason the Commission is looking at the area is: The families were mostly Palatine. There are 4 stone houses and an historic cemetery. The district hasn't really changed since 1718. There are many historic documents and maps available. In past history, there was a controversy about the border between Albany and Ulster County, with many survey maps produced. Plans include: Michael hopes to run articles in the newspaper to educate the public, and the HPC will hold a public hearing in the spring. The hope is that the agricultural land would stay the same and not be developed.

2. Poultney Bigelow Park Nomination Discussion -

Report from Richard Walker - representing the Malden Park "committee"

Greg Chorvas spoke to the Malden park update committee. New equipment will be installed this year. The equipment would be located behind the cannon. There was great discussion about cleaning up the cannon. Kevin Prendergrast wanted to

make the cannon look good. There is a fence in the front of the monument which may be changed to more updated type. Signs have been ordered "Poultney Bigelow Memorial Park". If copy is received then more signs could be produced.

Commitment - new equipment, repave Basketball Park. The plaque for the Maine monument, should it be reinstalled or replicated. This question is still under discussion by the various people, groups and organizations involved.

Jamie Fine said the equipment includes a space ship, which she feels is not appropriate for this particular park. Greg Chorvas has already purchased this item. John Schoonmaker suggested that their mind set is to modernize the park and bring it up to code. Susan asked John if he could act as a go-between. John agreed to reach out to Greg Chorvas.

Mr. Walker wants to know what can be done for historic designation, in any of its forms for the park or for the monuments. Poultney Bigelow donated both monuments to the property which used to be the playground for the Malden School. PB provided the funding for the masonry for the Maine monument.

Barry said that the designation would protect the cannon and monument for all time in their present location. Michael stated that the park is recognized by the members of the community as historic and therefore can be considered for designation.

Copies of instructions and paperwork were given to Mr. Walker, who will fill it out and return.

3. Historic Building Survey Malden. Neil Larson should be involved in this survey. The Commission has requested monies to update the survey. The Malden committee (represented by Richard Walker and Jamie Fine), has pledged their support.

4. Update on the Budget Request - John Schoonmaker - There has been no discussion of the budget and there has been no discussion on the Archival Space. He suggests that the Commission make a presentation to the Town Board. Susan stated that at the last meeting Michael gave a message on the need for archival space. Michael repeated a part of his previous discussion for John Schoonmaker's benefit.

5. Heritage week, Michael, Peigi, and Audrey manned the tent at the Farmer's Market on Saturday October 13 to represent the HPC. Susan has asked the Times to publish a picture of the banner.

6. Status of Memorializing Resolution: **TABLED**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bylaws need to be worked on.

Powers and duties section C: "To designate Alternate Members." John stated that he believed that the alternate could step in when the members are not all present. There are models in the Zoning and Planning Board for the town of Saugerties. Nothing was resolved.

2. Mark Smith's report on Community Design Standards: Susan had previously sent an email to the HPC with Mark's report. Mark is pursuing this idea of a special committee and has met with Paul Andreassen and Howard Post. They came up with an idea for an architectural design advisory committee of three persons within the gateway district only. Their recommendations would be given to the Town Board. John suggested that the group ask for Privilege of the Floor during the meeting, to discuss this proposal, perhaps in November.

Barry indicated that he had met with Mark this evening -- prior to this HPC meeting.

REPORTS:

1. Town Historian: Audrey showed various original documents which she has made into a useable archive.

Meeting adjourned 7:15 P. M.

Audrey Klinkenberg

Secretary Pro Tem.