

Minutes
Historic Preservation Commission
March 18, 2012
7:00 pm

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

Town Board Liaison: Jimmy Bruno

Ex-Officio: Audrey Klinkenberg, secretary, Town Historian

Guest: Josepha Gutelius, and at 7:33 Gianfranco Pellegrini, Bipin Patel, Rich Pretorius

Meeting called to order by chair Josh Randall at 7:05 p.m.

1. The minutes of the February 20, 2012 meeting were approved as presented. Moved by Barry Benepe, seconded by Susan Puretz. Josh Randall, aye; Michael Sullivan Smith, aye; Susan Puretz, aye; Barry Benepe, aye. Unanimous approval.

2. CoA Guidelines for the Wynkoop House. A copy of proposal guidelines recommended by Barry Benepe is filed with these minutes, dated March 3, 2012. Gianfranco and Bipin have seen the proposal already and did not voice any objection. It was moved by Michael Sullivan Smith that the proposal guidelines be adopted as recommendations for the work to be done on the Wynkoop house development, seconded by Susan Puretz. Josh Randall, aye; Michael Sullivan Smith, aye; Susan Puretz, aye; Barry Benepe, aye. Unanimous approval.

3. Further Discussion of Wynkoop House (7:30). Three additional guests appeared to say they have a public hearing with the Zoning Board of Appeals scheduled for April 2, 2012. Rich Pretorius states that some of the items on Barry's list are site plan issues. Lighting and landscape are two of the items he mentioned. Josh replied that the Commission should hold a public hearing before the public hearing of the planning board. It is conceivable that both Commission and Planning Board could hold a joint hearing. It was moved by Susan that the Commission will seek a joint public hearing to be held with the Planning Board on this project. Seconded by Barry Benepe. Josh Randall, aye; Michael Sullivan Smith, aye; Susan Puretz, aye; Barry Benepe, aye. Unanimous approval.

4. Historic House Tour. Susan reported that an additional site (in Glasco) has been added. There will be a meeting of the House Tour subcommittee on Thursday.

5. Education Committee update. Nothing new to report.

6. Discussion of proposed new Commissioner Stephen Shafer. The email sent by Josh to both Kelly Myers and Jimmy Bruno is filed with these minutes. Josh would like a fifth member available before a vote on chairman, which is due in April, is taken. Susan moved that the

election of a new chairman be held in May. Seconded by Michael. Josh Randall, aye; Michael Sullivan Smith, aye; Susan Puretz, aye; Barry Benepe, aye. Unanimous approval. Jimmy stated that there is a Town Board meeting on Wednesday. He will bring Steven Shafer's name to the board for appointment.

7. New Business (Susan – Kickstarter). Susan brought up the fact that the project Michael is working on, i.e., to both update and bring the History Atlas of Saugerties to a wider audience, is currently raising money through donations to Kickstarter. Michael explained about Kickstarter and how it works. Josh recommended that the Historic Preservation Commission contribute \$150.00 from the budget to this project. It was moved by Susan and seconded by Barry that the Historic Preservation Commission donate \$150.00 from the budget line. Josh Randall, aye; Susan Puretz, aye; Barry Benepe, aye. Michael Sullivan Smith, abstained. Unanimous approval.

Josh stated that Susan has written a history of the Historic Preservation Commission which he would like to put into the form of a brochure for distribution. The Commission agrees that this would be a good addition to other information about the Commission.

8. Old Business; The historic sign mentioned in the minutes of last month, has been welded and is in the process of being painted by the Town Historian's volunteers.

9. Adjournment 9:00 pm