

Town of Saugerties Historic Preservation Commission
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Town of Saugerties was held on May 18, 2009 at the Town Hall in Saugerties.

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

Ex Officio Member: Audrey Klinkenberg

Guest: Martie Randall

Meeting called to order at 7:27 pm by chair Barry Benepe

1. Minutes of April 20, 2009 Moved by Josh to accept minutes as written, seconded by Susan. Barry aye, Myles, aye, Susan, aye, Josh, aye.
2. Report on Stone House Tour Susan Puretz, Report attached.
Accolades to Susan Puretz
Josh Randall would like a letter from the Historic Preservation Commission for the donation of the sign frames.
Any profits from this tour will be used for further projects of the Historic Preservation Commission. *has been*
3. Report of April 22 meeting of Winston Farm Conservation Task Force. CA Commission, CBC, Historic Preservation, Commission, total of 8 or 9 persons. The focus ~~was~~ on the development possibilities rather than the conservation possibilities. Mark Knaust has been mapping the bio-diversity of the town. There are no maps of streams, etc. available on-line or in public access sources, for the Winston Farm. When another meeting is scheduled Barry will notify the Commission.
4. Historic Roads: Niger (east west road) and Carriage. Barry has distributed a packet of information. (attached)

At Route 32 and the Thruway to Augusta Savage Road to the private road, then Buffalo Road to Harry Wells Road to Carellis Road to Reservoir Road to Blue Mt. Church Road to West Saugerties Rd. This is the description of the original east west road leading to Platte Clove and is also called the road to Blue Mountain. Barry read the letter dated Mar 31, 2008, attached. Michael says that the road cannot be designated until it is plotted. The original road is 12 feet wide. The road was abandoned to maintenance in 1928, and is 7920 feet. Myles enlarged the 15 minute maps for the alignment of the east west road. For the purpose of the public hearing Barry asked Myles to prepare a written description. Myles and Michael will do a map. Barry is hoping for a public hearing in July. This is the earliest historic road in the town. It is the only original road that

has not been improved for the automobile. The road predates the Kingston Commons and appears on deeds.

At this point Josh Randall was excused

The Carriage road goes through the village at Teetsel Street and crosses the creek at the foot of Main St., over the ford, just above Stony Point then up through the present Esopus Conservancy property.

Barry recommends that the following roads should be designated: Kate Yaeger Road, a section of Wilhelm Road, the east west road, Carriage road, the North Woods road to Morse Road. ~~There is also the electric wire~~ road. These roads are unimproved for the automobile. There needs to be a comprehensive plan for all the roads which we would like to designate.

transmission line or interference road

Susan made the motion that – The Historic Preservation Commission, recognizing the importance of roads, including but not limited to pre automobile roads criss-crossing the town of Saugerties begin a comprehensive review for potential designation as historic roads. These roads include but are not limited to the Carriage road at the Esopus Bend Conservancy, Kate Yaeger Road, Powder Mill Road, Wilhelm Road, Buffalo Road to the Thruway, the North Woods Road link to Morse Road and the road from Dutchtown Road to Ruby. Seconded Michael Smith .Myles aye, Michael aye, Barry, aye, Susan, aye.

5. Blue Mountain Historic District Each historic building needs to be surveyed. Each building in the district must be included. Leanne suggests that we focus on the road project and put this off until a later date. Motion to defer by Michael, seconded by Susan. Susan, aye, Myles, aye, Michael, aye, Barry, aye.

There being no further business Susan made a motion to adjourn seconded by Michael, Myles aye, Michael, aye, Susan aye, Barry, aye.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Audrey Klinkenberg
Secretary