

Historic Preservation Commission
Town of Saugerties
May 17, 2010
Minutes

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

Ex-Officio: Audrey Klinkenberg

Liaison: Jimmy Bruno

Meeting called to order by the chair Josh Randall at 7:10 pm

1. Approval of Minutes for April 19, 2010. SMITH/PURETZ moved to approve the minutes as presented. **Josh, aye; Michael, aye; Susan, aye; Myles, aye; Barry, aye. Unanimous approval**
2. Stone House Tour Update. A progress report was distributed. As of this afternoon, we have sold 75 tickets. Susan also presented information regarding her attempts to publicize the Stone House Tour. All members received a copy, which is on file. We were publicized in the Scene in the Catskill Daily Mail.
3. Preserve NY Grants. Josh was in contact with the Preservation League and spoke to Lori Tobin, who sent materials to Josh. There are grants available for surveys, with the closing date of May 17, 1020.
4. Budget Discussions and/or Discussion of Non-Response from Town; We have made two requests for information regarding our budget and an accounting of the 2009 and 2010 finances and for permission to have the income for the Stone House Tour kept for the use of the Commission, and for information re the \$1000.00 grant we received. We also requested, in writing, that a meeting between the Town Board and the Commission be held. There has been no response. This meeting would have to have a two week posting for the open meeting, and would have to have a secretary.

Leeanne Thornton told Mr. Bruno that the monies were used for a camera to film the children and the Stone House Tour and other historic endeavors. Eileen Pistoia stated that the two \$500.00 checks received in January 2010, were deposited into the TV 23 line, per Leeanne's request. Michael Sullivan Smith stated that his camera and his editing equipment were used for filming the children and the Stone House Tour of 2009.

There were three sources of income in 2009-1010, our normal budget allocation, the income from the Stone House Tour tickets and the Quadricentennial Grant of \$1000.00. Mr. Bruno will ask Gary Newkirk, town accountant, to meet with the Commission before our next regular meeting.

Josh mentioned the meeting between 4 members of the town board and 4 members from the Historic Preservation Commission and the town clerk was held on Oct 2, 2007 as a workshop. Mr. Randall read portions of the minutes of this workshop meeting.

Michael sent an e-mail to Vernon Benjamin asking if he was advising on the issues surrounding the Winston Farm. He said he was not. Leeanne said that Vernon was a key person in the turn down of the Augusta Savage Road.

Barry Benepe had a conversation with Vernon regarding the Christian Myer House. Mr. Bruno stated that Mr. Helmoortel stated that once the water is in place, Phillip's Electronics is going to give the house to the town.

Barry asked what the response to our letter to the building department regarding the historic survey, The last line of the letter stated: Accordingly, nothing further is required. If the properties are duly designated, the appropriate town departments will be notified.

The Commission wants to designate the Christian Myer House. Josh Randall moved that any further designations of property be on hold until we have received information from the Town Board as to what they want in terms of historic preservation from the Commission. Seconded by Michael Sullivan Smith. **Josh, aye; Michael, aye; Susan, aye; Myles, aye; Barry, aye. Unanimous approval.**

Michael would like to have the person who is in charge of the Myer Reunion to nominate the Christian Myer House.

SMITH

5. New Business: Historic marker for the Herrick's Bridge. BENEPE/SULLIVAN move to support the placement of a sign. **Josh, aye; Michael, aye; Susan, aye; Myles, aye; Barry, aye. Unanimous approval.**

"Crossing the Plattekill at Herrick's Bridge, the Saugerties Woodstock Turnpike was the first macadamized road in the Town of Saugerties. "

Barry mentioned that Peter Crispell was a stone and brick house mover as listed in the 1900 Federal Census.

6. Old Business: Barry presented a copy of the Historic Resource Inventory for the Grant Cole House to all members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Audrey Klinkenberg

Grant Cole information.