

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**August 14, 2018**

In attendance: Town Historian: John Pinna

Commissioners: Annon Adams, David Dengel, Daniel Fannon, Lydia Higginson, Yvonne Laube, and Coleen McCarthy

Visitor: Ann Shershin and Stephanie Lewison

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by John Pinna.

**Minutes:** Minutes from June 5, 2018 were read, and corrections made. Yvonne Laube made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, David Dengel seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Old Business**

**Violet Avenue Elementary School:** We will present the town historic designation plaque to the Hyde Park School Board during their board meeting on October 11, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

**Juliet Project:** The first draft of the film has been completed and will be sent to John Pinna. John Pinna will review the film, will share it with Vassar and other people to review, and make any necessary changes. The plan is to have it completed and ready to be shown to the public at the Arlington Street Fair on September 29, 2018.

**New Hamburg Designation:** The Roger's house, located near the railroad station, has agreed to be designated and the process has begun.

**Arthur S. May School:** Another extension has been applied for by the Reckess family and they now have until the end of December to complete the purchase of the property. Vassar College has been approached about locating their inn in the Arthur S. May School but the college is not interested in adapting the school to be used as their inn and conference center. Dan Fannon suggested that the school could be used for the new police/fire/town hall complex. It was suggested that Dan Fannon should contact the architectural firm that has been hired to develop a concept and possible locations for the town complex. He could suggest the school as a possible location and provide examples of other successful reuses of school building turned into police stations.

**Hudson River State Hospital:** The Phase I plan for the Hudson Heritage Site will be presented at the next planning board meeting on August 16, 2018. The Phase I includes demolition of the south campus and the building of apartments and retail space. There is no mention of the Administration Building which is in Phase II. There has been no mention of stabilizing or securing the Administration Building. We need to share the successful reuse of the Traverse City State Hospital with the developers, planning board, and town board.

## **New Business**

**Wappingers Rural Cemetery Chapel:** The cemetery is interested in restoring the chapel located there to be used for small funerals and weddings and as a community space for meetings. The chapel is built into the side of the hill by the Grinnell family. They are interested in having the chapel designated as a local landmark. Dan Fannon is drawing up plans for the restoration of the chapel including new heating, air conditioning, repairing the bell, and refinishing the pews and floor.

**Frank Brothers' Barn:** The barn has been demolished. Elements of the horse stable are supposed to be saved but not the stable itself. We need to inquire into this.

**Preservation League of New York State:** Yvonne Laube attended a Preservation League meeting. They have resources for historic home owners. Yvonne Laub would like to have them come to one of our meetings and speak to us.

**1989 Historic Survey:** Ann Shershin handed out copies of the 1989 Historic Survey of the Town of Poughkeepsie done by the county and mentioned in the Town Master Plan of 2007.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin.

Minutes were read and approved on September 4, 2018.