

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

April 2, 2019

In attendance: Town Historian: John Pinna

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

Visitors: Ann Shershin, Stephanie Lewison, Joseph DiFalco, Sarah Franzetti, and Ryan Walsh (Marist Interns)

Meeting was called to order at 7:14 by Town Historian John Pinna.

Minutes: Minutes from March 5, 2019, were read and corrections made. Daniel Fannon made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, David Dengel seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Fort House: John Pinna and Ann Shershin meet with Kevin Marrinan about the repairs to the porch and roof on the Fort House. Kevin Marrinan voiced concerns about the expense of replacing the porch. We discussed a simpler design for the porch and whether the current round columns would be reused offering further savings. Two of the columns are missing and will need to be replaced with similar in appearance columns. Kevin Marrinan said he would discuss these changes with their architect. Afterwards, Ann Shershin meet with Wayne Cichon, Deputy Building Inspector, at the Fort House. Wayne Cichon was willing to move the permits forward so the repairs could begin. Wayne Cichon stated he would be willing to meet with the contractor when the porch is opened up to see if there are places solid enough to be saved and only the rotted areas need to be replaced.

Kimlin House: Yvonne Laube made a motion to accept the application to designate the Kimlin House as a local historic landmark and send the letters to the owner and neighbors within 300 feet of the property asking them to the next historic preservation commission meeting. David Dengel seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Neil Larson visited the Kimlin House and said that the core structure is from the 1700's. The flooring, hand helmed beams, plaster walls, fireplace, windows, straw/mud insulation, and nails are consistent with the construction of the mid to late 1700's. The Kimlin family added several additions to the house and raised the roof. Neil Larson described the Kimlin House as unique and recommended doing a historic structure report on the house. Yvonne Laube suggested contacting Roger Williams University in Rhode Island about doing a historic survey of the house.

New Hamburg: Daniel Fannon and Coleen McCarthy met with the Marist interns at the new restaurant in New Hamburg and toured the hamlet. They reviewed the history of New Hamburg, the plan to research the history of the houses, and the deed searches. Initially, Ryan will research the house on the corner of Main Street, Taylor will do 7 Conklin Street (which is 1840 in the front and 1791 in the back), Joe will do 19 Conklin Street, and Sarah will do 9 Conklin Street.

Hudson River State Hospital: The trees have been cut down and it is now possible to see the buildings from Rt. 9. The South Wing is to also be demolished during Phase I. The developer is proposing to only take exterior pictures of all the buildings but SHPO's Appendix A states that interior pictures are also to be taken. There will be a meeting on April 5th to discuss and clear up what pictures are to be taken and also discuss maintenance of the Great Lawn and whether the lawn will be returned to its original plan. There will be a grocery store in the retail area.

New Business:

Book Signing: On April 13, there will be gathering of local history authors at the Roosevelt site from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On the same day, there will be a discussion and book signing at the Boardman Library at 2:30 p.m. for the Hudson River State Hospital book. Reservations are required.

Marist Interns: Joe DiFalco is researching the history of the town's police department and developing a timeline. David Dengel suggested Joe interview Michael Prunty, who was with the State Police and was written about an event that happened in the county. The police force began in 1947. Joe DiFalco will interview ten officers. Ryan Walsh is researching the WWI veterans in the town. He is using the memorial library and has found a list of names. Sarah Franzetti is researching the history of the Hudson River State Hospital including the relationship to the Roosevelts, patient care, and the Olmsted design of the lawn. Taylor Aufiero is researching of Kirkwood and the water filtration plant. She will make a sign for the portrait, catalog items, and make a display.

In-Service Program: We discussed having an in-service program about providing tax breaks for historic preservation at the local and developing an incentive for historic houses at the local level.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin

Minutes were read, corrected, and approved on May 7, 2019.