

TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE  
HISTORIC PRESEWRVATION COMMISSION

February 4, 2020

**In Attendance:** Town Historian, John Pinna

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

**Visitors:** Ann Shershin. Also, 2 Arlington High School students, and a Marist student.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m., by Town historian, John Pinna

**Minutes:** Minutes from the December 3, 2019 meeting were approved. Yvonne Laube made the motion to approve and Coleen McCarthy seconded the motion.

**Hudson Heritage:** Yvonne Laube reported on the presentation on the Hudson Heritage project given on Saturday, February 1 at the Boardman Road Public Library, which 172 people attended. It was basically a sales pitch. The Children's Museum was mentioned as a possible tenant. Plans for Assisted Living and Senior Housing were discussed. Ann Shershin reported that the Town is disappointed in the planned retail tenants at Hudson Heritage which may include as many as 3 drive throughs. Yvonne said that further documentation is needed and asked that she be allowed to photograph before buildings are torn down. There also needs to be a plan for saving elements that can be re-used from buildings that are to be torn down. The power house should be considered for re-use. There also needs to be a plan for a Memorial.

**New Hamburg:** Dan Fannon reported on his work to preserve New Hamburg. Applications are being prepared for three houses on Conklin Street. Preparation for landmarking the barn and smoke house also on Conklin Street are being worked on; however, the owner has some reservations. Dan is working with her to understand the landmarking process.

Dan is also working on the chapel near the Wappingers Falls Rural Cemetery, which was built in 1906 and has a copper roof. Dan is working on the chapel's restoration. It is now lighted at night so the stained glass windows are visible.

**Fort House:** Ann Shershin will reach out to John McKee about repairs to the roof.

**Kimlin House:** A historic landmark plaque has been ordered.

**New Business:**

**Poughkeepsie Spring:** Yvonne reported that the New York State historic marker for the Poughkeepsie Spring has been knocked down, and wondered who should be contacted. Ann Shershin suggested that State Senator Sue Serino should be contacted.

**Landmarks List:** John Pinna needs to provide the Town Assessor with a list of Town Landmarks and also explain to him the Town's landmarking process.

**Kimlin House:** The Kimlin House across from the Cider Mill has been appraised for \$40,000. Dan Fannon said that it was an important building and a good example of an 18<sup>th</sup> century farm house. Maybe Cider Mill Friends could buy the house.

**Planning Workshop:** John passed out a notice for a workshop in Newburgh on May 8 presented by the Preservation League of New York in partnership with the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. Let John know if you are interested in attending.

Coleen McCarthy reported that she is working on the Rogers house and has followed to back to 1858, and also on 20 Main Street, New Hamburg.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Minutes prepared by Annon Adams