

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**June 2, 2020**

In attendance: Town Historian: John Pinna

Commissioners: Annon Adams, Daniel Fannon, Yvonne Laube, and Coleen McCarthy.

Visitors: Stephanie Lewison and Ann Shershin.

The teleconference meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Town Historian, John Pinna.

**Minutes:** The minutes from March 3 and May 5, 2020, were read and corrections made. Coleen McCarthy made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Daniel Fannon seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Fort House:** John McKee was contacted about when the repairs to the Fort House roof would be completed. John McKee stated that he would be back to work on the Fort House in a couple of weeks but no work has begun on it yet.

**New Hamburg:** Work continues on the historic designations in New Hamburg. The owners of 2 Water Street would like to convert the boat house into a guest house and restore the façade. After renovations are completed, they are interested in historic designation. Daniel Fannon has discovered a series of watercolor paintings of yachts including ice boats on the Hudson River. He believes that some of the ice boats could have been stored in the boat house at 2 Water Street.

**Hudson River State Hospital:** Demolition of Cheney has begun. They are starting by taking down the wings first. Yvonne Laube is still trying to get permission to document the removal of the date stone from Cheney which may contain a time capsule. She is also asking for permission to drone record the rebuilding of the roof on the Administration Building. There are no demolition permits for the South Wing yet, while they are waiting on an asbestos report. The commission does not will to see the wings demolished until the sewer line is installed and there is definite plans for the areas on either side of the Administration Building.

**Marist Interns:** John Pinna's Marist College interns were pulled off the field work due to COVID 19. The interns went on to research Native American site in the Town of Poughkeepsie and the Poughkeepsie Glass Works.

**Website:** Stephanie Lewison is now hosting the commission's website although it is not live yet. The Town is looking into updating or creating a new town website, so we will investigate having ours integrated with the Town's.

**Arthur S. May School Site:** The Arlington School district wishes to close on the sale of the Arthur S. May School property by the end on June. The pilot plan for the project was passed by the town board.

**Marist:** John Pinna will get back to pursuing landmark designation for the two gate houses, the Greystone building, and the Cornell boat house on Marist's campus.

**Commissioners:** Daniel Fannon and Yvonne Laube have been reappointed to the commission for another 5-year term each.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin.

Minutes read and approved on August 4, 2020.