

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**August 4, 2020**

In attendance: Town Historian: John Pinna

Commissioners: David Dengel, Daniel Fannon, Lydia Higginson, and Yvonne Laube.

Visitors: Stephanie Lewison and Ann Shershin

The teleconference meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Town Historian, John Pinna.

**Minutes:** June and July minutes were read. Yvonne Laube made a motion to accept the minutes as read, David Dengel seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Fort House:** John Pinna observed that the slant roof has been repaired. Kevin Marrinan will be contacted to cut back the vegetation growing around and on the side of the house.

**New Hamburg:** The application for 19 Conklin Street is complete and has been given to John Pinna. The rest of the applications should be completed by the end of the week.

**Hudson River State Hospital:** John Pinna forwarded the subdivision report from Hudson Heritage to everyone. Yvonne Laube reported that the merry go round pavilion has been demolished and that Demolition Depot is advertising on their website that they have many items from the site for sale. Marty Berger told Yvonne Laube that none of the items have left the site. The first memorial committee meeting went well. The next meeting is August 11 at 6:00 p.m. Susan Burke from Saber will be involved with the memorial committee. Part of Cheney building still remains standing. Asbestos was discovered among the concrete and Saber is working with the state to determine how to correct this. It may be allowed to bury it on the site. Shop-rite store has 4 walls and a roof on it. Marty Berger contacted the town about the director's house being in awful condition and asking if it could be switched out for the power house. The commission discussed this. There maybe a person interested in using the Administration building and the North Wing. John Pinna will contact Mike Welti with the commissions concerns.

**CAC:** Stephanie Lewison compiled a list of significant town historic sites for the CAC's nature resources survey. Ann Shershin will be submitting her list taken from Neil Larson's Historic Resource Survey Update, September 2011.

**William's Faculty Housing:** Arlington Neighbors Association will be submitting an application to designate William's Faculty Housing as historic. Once John Pinna receives the application, he will let the building department know. We discussed having the public meeting for this at our next meeting. It was recommended that the meeting held in the town hall meeting room so it can be recorded and accommodate a larger number of people. John Pinna will mail letters to the neighbors and Vassar College.

**Website:** Tim, the new town IT person, is setting up the website so we can do our own additions. Stephanie Lewison will forward the bills for the current website to John Pinna.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin.

Minutes read and approved on September 1, 2020.

