

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**January 2, 2018**

In attendance: Town Historian: John Pinna

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

Visitor: Ann Shershin

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by John Pinna.

**Minutes:** Minutes from December 5, 2017 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**

**Arthur S. May School:** There was a meeting before the Town Board in December. They are working with Collegeview Towers to have an emergency exit thru the Collegeview Towers property. The project can move ahead with only one entrance or exit.

**HVFCU Coppola's Site:** HVFCU is reusing the beams from the Westervelt House in the entrance way and conference room, and the flooring in an accent wall. They are using a picture of the Westervelt House in a display. John Pinna is pulling together a history of the Westervelt house from Annon Adams' list to be included with a historic map of the area and current pictures. Grand opening is January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Hudson Heritage Site:** SEQRA is the next step in the process for the former state psychiatric center. There have been no demolition permits issued yet. We continue to encourage the Dutchess County Historic Society to move their collection to the Director's House.

**Historic Portrait:** Lydia Higginson suggested we apply to the Community Foundation for a grant for the restoration of the portrait.

**Juliet Book Store:** John Pinna contacted Bryan Swarthout and offered assistance in completing the video.

**New Business:**

**New Hamburg:** Daniel Fannon discussed plans to landmark structures in New Hamburg. He would like to have two seminars with SHPO and invite all the homeowners. The focus of the seminars would be what they have, what they could lose, and the benefits to being designated. He would like to set up teams to offer guidance and encouragement. Daniel Fannon would like to have a group of designations to bring before the Town Board.

**Etc.:** Neil Wilson has chosen not to renew his contract as Town Planner with the Town of Poughkeepsie. John Pinna will be reappointed Town Historian at tomorrow's Town Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin.

Minutes were read and approved on March 6, 2018.