

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**February 6, 2018**

In attendance: Town Historian: John Pinna

Commissioners: David Dengel and Coleen McCarthy

Visitor: Stephanie Lewison, Ann Shershin, Samuel Fontanez Jr., and Anna McClear (Marist College Interns)

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by John Pinna.

**Minutes:** Minutes from January 2, 2017 were read but no vote was taken due to lack of quorum.

**Old Business**

**Arthur S. May School:** John Pinna and Ann Shershin meet with Gerardo Alvarez on the staff of Representative Sean Patrick Maloney's Newburgh office and discussed federal historic tax credits for the Arthur S. May School's renovation. We have been informed by the developer that in order for the school to be designated historic and receive historic tax credits that the entire site must be preserved and/or the crescent shape driveway be preserved. Both would limit the number of buildings that would be able to build on the site and the profitability of the project. The developer is not interested in reducing the number of buildings on the site and may be looking into demolishing the school building if they are unable to get historic tax credits. Gerardo Alvarez is interested in helping. The next step is to set up a meeting with Jacob Reckess (developer), Gerardo Alvarez, SHPO, and John Pinna to discuss federal historic tax credits for the Arthur S. May School.

Gerardo Alvarez also spoke to John Pinna and Ann Shershin about gathering all the Hudson Valley historians together and discuss having an event. We recommended that he contact Dutchess County historian, Will Tatum, III.

Stephanie Lewison suggested documenting the Arthur S. May School's driveway with a Historic American Building Survey and using a brick inlay to preserve where the driveway was in the proposed parking lot of the new development.

**HVFCU Coppola's Site:** The Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union on the corner of IBM Road and Rt. 9 did open on January 22. They reused beams from the historic Westervelt house in the entranceway from the parking lot and the conference room and floor boards in the accent wall behind the reception desk. The ribbon cutting will be on February 13 at noon.

**Hudson Heritage Site:** They are still working on SEQRA. We are unsure what the next step will be, perhaps demolition permits. John Pinna will ask about a photo day at the site.

**Historic Portrait:** We are still looking for funding for the portrait's restoration. We discussed with the interns from Marist College History Club about doing a fund raiser for the portrait's restoration.

**Juliet Book Store:** John Pinna is still waiting on a response from Bryan Swarthout. Bryan Swarthout may want us to look for better copies of the pictures we have. The pictures came from Vassar College's archives.

**Website:** Website development is on hold until this Spring.

**New Business:**

**J. Dominick's:** J. Dominick's Trattoria, at 779 Dutchess Turnpike, is in a house built in 1914. The building in the back is original to the house and maybe the coach house.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin.

Minutes were read and approved on March 6, 2018.