

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

In attendance: Town Historian: John Pinna

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

Visitor: Stephanie Lewison, Ann Shershin, and Samuel Fontanez Jr.

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by John Pinna.

Minutes: Minutes from January 2, 2018 and February 6, 2018 were read and corrections made. Yvonne Laube made a motion to accepted the minutes as corrected, David Dengel seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Old Business

Juliet Project: Ann Shershin spoken with Bryan Swarthout and Bryan said that the commission could make the video production without any input from Vassar. The video just needs to be professional and of high resolution to look good on the large screen in the Juliet Book Store. Yvonne Laube said she would look into it. John Pinna has another intern who can on work on it;

Arthur S. May School: John Pinna will meet Julian Adams from SHPO, Gerardo Alvarez from Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney's office, developer Jacob Reckess, Town Supervisor Jay Baisley, Dan Fannon, and Ann Shershin on March 23, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Town Hall to discuss Federal Historic Designation and Historic Tax Credits for the Arthur S. May School. The school may not receive designation and tax credits unless the front lawn is also preserved. Julian Adams has stated he cannot forward on the recommendation for historic designation unless the front lawn is also included. The historic preservation law is written tightly. We will discuss if there is any possible way to interpret the law or change the project so that it will be eligible for historic tax credits. The Arthur S. May School is not a New Deal school having been built in 1925 and does not have the distinctive FDR circular driveways. Letters will also be sent the Senators too.

Historic Portrait: Marist History Club is trying to raise money for the restoration of the portrait of James Pugh Kirkwood and is having a fund raiser. John Pinna suggested selling the frame to pay for the restoration. Yvonne Laube and Lydia Higginson opposed this idea and did not want to see the frame and portrait separated. Lydia Higginson suggested crowd sourcing like a restaurant night or a gofundme page. We could a apply to the Community Foundation for a grant.

New Hamburg: MTA wants to put in a mono pole tower in the New Hamburg train station. One possible location for 135 foot tower is on the south end east side of the tracks which would block the view of the Wappinger Creek and the Hudson River. Another possible location for 150 foot tower is on the north end of the parking lot on the east side of the tracks which would affect the houses on the hill, fill the area with radio waves, and could be seen from Bowden Park. The police and fire departments are in favor of locating the mono pole at the train station. The MTA and SHPO will decide on the location of

the mono pole. The residents of the hamlet suggested other sites but were discounted due to wet lands and it would be more difficult to service. John Pinna suggested contacting SHPO. There will be a community meeting on about this on Saturday with SHPO and Scenic Hudson.

The commission hopes to have a seminar in June with the residents of New Hamlet about designating their houses and structures.

Hudson Heritage Site: Yvonne Laube reported that SEQRA has been completed and there is no news yet about the development. There is no plan to do tours.

Websites: We looked at the website. There are a few spaces to fill in about some of our designated sites.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin.

Minutes were read and approved on April 3, 2018.