

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**May 1, 2018**

In attendance: Town Historian: John Pinna

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

Visitor: Phillip & Shannon Hume, Ann Shershin, Stephanie Lewison, Samuel Fontanez Jr., Anna McClear, Kim Woodward, Sydney Hichak and Nick Salomone (Arlington students)

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

**Minutes:** Minutes from April 3, 2018 were read, and corrections made. Yvonne Laube made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Coleen McCarthy seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Parish House:** Phillip and Shannon Hume attended the meeting to describe the repairs and painting to take place at the Parish House at 110 Overocker Road. They need to repair 2 of the slate roofs and the Yankee gutters. They propose to paint the house dark green with cream, hoping to begin sometime in June. They are using Picture Perfect for the painting and AMS from Newburgh for the slant roof repair. Yvonne Laube made a motion to approve the paint colors and the repairs to the slant roof and Yankee gutters, Lydia Higginson seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

### **Old Business**

**Arthur S. May School:** A new plan for Arthur S. May school site is coming out the end of May. Daniel Fannon suggested that the school building could be left empty and the development saved for a later date. Perhaps a rehab use could be found for the school building in time. Property tax savings could be offered. The cost of demolition also needs to be considered. Daniel Fannon is to meet with the developer. The current plan is to salvage whatever is possible, incorporate it into the new structures, and take down the school building. The Historic Preservation Commission would like to see the front façade used in a hotel building but the developer's engineers are concerned that the façade will be unable to stand if the wing additions are removed.

**Juliet Project:** Kim Woodward and John Pinna met with Nancy Myers, Associate Director IT at Vassar College and discussed the programs that can be used for the history of the Juliet film. A program already on Kim Woodward's laptop can be used and Kim will try to have a cleaned-up version of the draft by next week. The program length is up to us. Sound will be included for French films along with captions. The film will be run on a laptop to be shown on the screen at the Juliet Bookstore.

**Hudson River State Hospital:** The fire at the Hudson River State Psychiatric Hospital Center administration building has been reported as arson. The fire destroyed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and up including the roof. The owner is going to increase patrols. The Historic Preservation Commission would like to suggest adding motion detector lights and video. We need to look for examples of buildings that have been rehabbed after a fire. We also need to approach the Town Board about asking the developer to stabilize the building. The developer had interested parties to do the hotel development and were ready to

get started with the demolitions. We would like to ask the developer to allow members of the Historic Preservation Commission to visit the site and view the fire damage.

### **New Business**

**McComb House:** The historical designated McComb House on Hornbeck Ridge Road is for sale.

**Kimlin House:** We discussed local designation for the Kimlin House on Cedar Avenue.

**New Hamburg:** New Hamburg Development Association has purchased houses in New Hamburg that have been sold without being advertised or for sale signs in the yards. They have been using vinyl siding in the renovations. Daniel Fannon asked for help with the research into the history of the houses in New Hamburg for their landmarking applications. We also need to have an explanation of the benefits of landmarking a historic home and the steps required to get historic tax credits.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin.

Minutes were read and approved on June 5, 2018.