

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**June 5, 2018**

In attendance: Town Historian: John Pinna

Commissioners: Annon Adams, David Dengel, Daniel Fannon, Yvonne Laube, and Coleen McCarthy

Visitor: Ann Shershin

Meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m. by John Pinna.

**Minutes:** Minutes from May 1, 2018 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.

**Hudson River State Hospital:** Yvonne Laube spoke with the developers about the state of the administration building after the fire and the plans for the building. She was informed that no structural engineering report has been done. The developers stated that they are revising the plan for the south side retail but it is not yet ready for the public. Demolition has not begun. John Pinna has completed a survey for the faculty of Marist College asking what businesses, services, and housing they would like to see included in the site. The Town is the lead agency for this development and needs to ask that the administration building is stabilized and enclosed for security. The developer has not asked for a pilot agreement yet. The commission need to contact the Town Board to include requiring preservation of the administration building and other structures as a condition of the pilot plan. John Pinna will draft a letter to the developer about the plan for the administration building and copy Jay Baisley, town supervisor, and Michael Welti, town planner.

**Arthur S. May School:** Since they were unable to get historic tax credits for the Arthur S. May School, the current site plan includes demolition of the school and placing a hotel in its' footprint. It was pointed out that the cost for demolition may be higher than what they have budgeted for. The Arthur S. May School project is on the agenda of the Town Board meeting tomorrow with a resolution naming the Town Board as the lead agency. We discussed having incentives in the pilot plan to increase tax breaks if the school structure is saved and reused.

**Juliet Project:** John Pinna will work with Kim Woodward over the summer to complete the video. Plan to have it ready in time for the Arlington Street Fair in September.

**James Pugh Kirkwood Portrait:** Restoration is on hold while continuing to look for funding.

**New Hamburg:** We discussed assembling materials to designate New Hamburg homes and the starting to do research into the history of the homes. The monopole is going to be installed in the MTA parking lot. Didi Barrett is supporting the training of historic carpenters and tradesmen.

**Fort House:** The Fort House is in need of repair. There was a facebook discussion on the condition of the house on the "You know you are from Poughkeepsie when..." group lead by Antonia Mauro, commissioner on the City of Poughkeepsie HDLPC. It was suggested that tours of the house could be used to fund repairs.

**July Meeting:** No July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. John Pinna will schedule a meeting in July if need be.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin.

Minutes were read and approved on August 14, 2018.