

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
September 4, 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 7:16 p.m. by John Pinna.

Minutes: Minutes from August 14, 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.

Old Business

Arthur S. May School: Nothing to report.

Juliet Project: We watched the video twice and discussed what changes we would like to see in the video before it is made public. It was suggested that the captions need to be made smaller and an ending including that the theater became a pool hall and now a book store. People need to be thanked including Pete and Annon. John Pinna needs feedback from a few more people.

Hudson River State Hospital: Yvonne Laube attended the planning board meeting where the Hudson Heritage project was updated. Yvonne Laube asked about the status and plans for the Administration building. She was told that it depends on what the hotel wants to have on that site. They have hired an historic architect who is familiar with Kirkbrides to look at the entire site. They have signed a \$10 million contract to clean out the south campus meadow and will move ahead with the demolition. There has been no engineering report done yet on the Administration building. Yvonne Laube is researching other historic buildings that have had fires and have been successfully restored. Yvonne Laube also has an idea to offer tours of the Hudson River State Hospital to raise funds. A book on the history of the Hudson River State Hospital has come out and there will be a book signing on October 28 at the Adriance Library. John Pinna was sent to the Town Planner a letter concerning the future of the Administration building, need for a report on the current condition, and a plan to stabilize and secure the building. The question was raised as to the process to obtain a demolition permit and who signs off on the permits. We will invite Marty Berger to a Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

New Business

Kimlin House: We discussed designating the Kimlin House, circa 1750, on Cedar Avenue.

Preservation Code: We discussed reviewing the preservation code and the requirement that not only changes to historic structures but also repairs need to be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission. Building permits for historic structures need to be forwarded to us.

Violet Avenue Elementary School: Presentation of the town historic designation plaque to the Hyde Park School Board will be on October 11, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. during their school board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin.

Minutes were read and approved on October 2, 2018.