

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
December 4, 2018**

In attendance: Town Historian: John Pinna

Commissioners: Annon Adams, David Dengel, Daniel Fannon, Lydia Higginson, and Yvonne Laube

Visitors: Ann Shershin, Stephanie Lewison, and Tyler Elmendorf (Arlington student).

Meeting was called to order at 7:14 by Town Historian John Pinna.

Minutes: Minutes from November 6, 2018 were read and corrections made. Yvonne Laube made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Lydia Higginson seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Historic Portrait: John Pinna found that he had money left in his budget. He is having the painting cleaned and restored, and having the frame cleaned and touched up.

Hudson River State Hospital: At the last Town of Poughkeepsie Planning Board meeting, Marty Berger stated that they will be looking for hotels to restore and reuse the Administration Building and are committed to saving the Administration Building. The hotel chain will actually get to design the site. Marty Berger stated that they will be salvaging from the site and will be adding to the security. The solar lights did not work and they will be looking for other lighting. Michael Welti is going to ask for a monitoring plan for the Administration Building. They also discussed that the North Tower is in an inconvenient location and they are not sure what to do with it. SHPO has asked for the North Tower to be preserved. The developer needs to get permits now to cut down the trees on the south side. The Commission discussed concerns that the developers may delay in the restoration of the Administration Building and allow the building to continue to deteriorate until it collapses. We discussed contacting Scenic Hudson about the viewshed. We also discussed monitoring of the demolition of the other buildings on site and having the developer document the buildings before they are taken down. Yvonne Laube is going to walk the site with the developers in the new year. On April 13, 2019, at 2:30 p.m., there will be a book signing for the Hudson River State Hospital at Boardman Library.

Arthur S. May School: The next planning board meeting is December 13, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. and there will be public hearing on the Arthur S. May School development.

New Hamburg: An intern will help complete the historic designation application for the Roger's house.

Interns: John Pinna has 2 interns and may get another 2 or 3 more. John will have some of them work as a team to develop the histories of the houses in New Hamburg for historic designation and will finish the police department history.

Fort House: We will get the historic site repair form to the owner of the Fort House. We are requiring that the repairs to the porch be done in kind and that round posts be used instead of square posts. Other questions we would like to have answered by the developer are what materials are going to be used, can the existing posts be reused, and will the vegetation be cut back.

Kimlin Farm House: Stephanie Lewison wants to designate the Kimlin Farm House on Cedar Avenue. The owner is out of state and the house is currently empty.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be February 5, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin

Minutes were read, corrected, and approved on February 5, 2019.