

TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
February 5, 2019

In attendance: Town Historian: John Pinna

Commissioners: Annon Adams, David Dengel, and Yvonne Laube

Visitors: Ann Shershin, Stephanie Lewison, and Joseph DiFalco (Marist Intern).

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

Minutes: Minutes from December 4, 2018 were read and corrections made. David Degel made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Yvonne Laube seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Historic Portrait: Restoration of the painting has been completed and the painting has been dropped off at the framer. Restoration of the frame should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Hudson River State Hospital: Yvonne Laube toured the site on the previous Friday in zero-degree weather and snow. Several buildings have been cleaned out and the administration building is being cleaned out. They discussed continuing the stone wall along Rt. 9. Security cameras have been installed. They are planning on saving a lot of the bricks to be used in repairs and new construction. The developers stated that they are willing to save and reuse anything they can. Yvonne Laube expressed concerns about the great lawn. The developers stated that they are done with the restoration of the great lawn but it not back to the original design. The developer will be taking down the trees on the South side of the site. There are existing trails on the site. They discussed keeping the trails and not creating new trails. Engineers have examined the administration building and are developing a plan to stabilize the building and create a new roof. Yvonne Laube is going back to the site again next Friday. We also discussed the copper beech tree by the director house and approaching the developer to spare it from cleared with the rest of the trees. John Pinna gave copies of *Hudson River State Hospital (Images of America)* to all the planning board and town board members.

New Hamburg: We are moving ahead with the designation of the Roger's house. The interns will be researching 4 more houses in New Hamburg for designation.

Fort House: Yvonne Laube made the following motion:

The Historic Preservation Commission resolves to approve the rebuilding of the landmark Fort House porch as follows: Dismantle and rebuild the porch to replicate the existing dimensions, materials and design, including, but not limited to:

Columns: Reuse present wood columns where feasible, repair when possible, and when needed, replace columns with those that match as close in design and material as reasonably possible (a source of such columns has been provided).

Porch Floor: Rebuild with wood planks of same dimensions as existing.

Porch Skirting: Replace trellis around porch with wood trellis in same design.

Porch Ceiling: Replace/repair rotted portions with material and dimensions matching existing ceiling.

Slate Roof: Replace missing slate on the porch roof with matching slate.

David Dengel seconded the motion and the motion passed. This resolution will be e mailed to Wayne Cichon in the Buiding Department.

Kimlin Farm House: Ann Shershin shared the history of the Kimlin Farm House as described by the owner, James Papp. James Papp said the first house in the area was the Freer house on Wilbur Blvd., the stone house across street from St. John's Church, built in 1728. The Freer's sold property to Michael Yurry (or Jurry). Michael Yurry built the McGinnis House at 100 Cedar Avenue in 1770. It is a Greek revival in the front and a colonial in the back. James Papp believes the Kimlin Farm House was built around 1800 as a tennant cottage for the McGinnis property. He determined the date from the split rail rafters in the roof that had machine manufactured nails. He described it as federal period. The Kimlin's raised the roof and added a second story. The Kimlin's added a cabin of post and beam construction to the North side and added a lean to on the back. There are hand planed doors and mud insulation in the walls of the original portion of the house. The original house has remained basically unchanged since it was first built. It is the last working-class cottage from the 1800's in the area and one of 2 houses remaining with mud insulated walls.

James Papp approves the designation of his house (Kimlin Farm House) and that Stephanie LaRose will complete application for historic designation of the Kimlin House.

New Business: Yvonne Laube revamped the certificate of appropriateness. She will e mail it out to everyone and is asking for chances.

Joseph DiFalco is working on completing the history of the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Force.

John Pinna will purchase a membership in newspapers.com. He also discussed having another in service program.

John Pinna received a phone call from Miriam Rossi about concerns Vassar's plans to tear down the faculty apartments on College Avenue. She said the buildings are historic. He also received a call looking for the location of the Hoffman grave which is suppose to be located in the VanBunschoren cemetery. We are uncertain where this cemetery is located.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin.

Minutes were read, corrected, and approved on March 5, 2019