

TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
March 5, 2019

In attendance: Town Historian: John Pinna

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

Visitors: Ann Shershin, Stephanie Lewison, Joseph DiFalco, and Ryan Walsh (Marist Interns)

Minutes: Minutes from February 5, 2019 were read and following additions were made. We also discussed last month the copper beech tree by the director house on the Hudson River State Hospital and approaching the developer to spare it and that James Papp approves the designation of his house (Kimlin Farm House) and that Stephanie LaRose will complete application for designation for the house. Yvonne Laube made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, David Dengel seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Historic Portrait: The restoration of the frame and portrait has been completed and picked up. The portrait was brought to the meeting and the commissioners agreed that it looked great. John Pinna is having a short history written about James Kirkwood and sand filtration. We would like to have the portrait hung in the town meeting room.

Hudson River State Hospital: The developer is still waiting on the tree permits. They are planning on clearing 60 acres. The copper beech tree by the director's house is going to be spared for now. The developer's tree expert was concerned about the split in the tree (a natural split), the cankers on the tree, and the shallow roots. They believe the tree can not survive without the support of the surrounding trees. The town's arborist will examine the tree.

Yvonne Laube was visited the site again to identify items to be salvaged. Yvonne Laube circulated the new architectural designs for the south campus. The new design includes elements from the hospital and Marist College campus with nods to the color palette used in both neighbors. The south campus will not use any salvage items, only replicates.

We need to start the discussion of the memorial for the Hudson River State Hospital now, including where to locate the memorial and concepts to include. The developer is willing to salvage items and store them for inclusion in the memorial. It was suggested that the wall of patient porches with window guards could be used for the memorial. The memorial should highlight the Roosevelts, Kirkbride, Olmsted, and the hospital.

The developer is going to photo document the six building that are going to be saved. We will ask that all the buildings be documented including the ones to be torn down.

New Hamburg: The interns are researching and writing the history of four houses in New Hamburg to designate them as local historic landmarks. Coleen McCarthy will show the interns how to do title searches and Dan Fannon will assist with the research.

Fort House: John Pinna and Ann Shershin are meeting with the attorney from Ginsberg next Friday to discuss the cost of rebuilding the porch on the Fort House.

Kimlin Farm House: There is a walk thru of the Kimlin Farm House scheduled for April 1, 2019, with Neil Larson of Larson Fisher Associates to help determine the age of the house. Stephanie Lewison is continuing the title search of the Kimlin Farm House and is filling out the application to designate it as a local landmark. It should be noted the Kimlin House was a working-class family house. It is unique since few working-class houses from that period have survived and that the original portion of the house has remained basically unchanged for 220 or more years.

Certificate of Appropriateness: We reviewed the certificate of appropriateness updated by Yvonne Laube. Coleen McCarthy made a motion to accept the updated certificate of appropriateness, David Dengel seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin.

Minutes were read, corrected, and approved on April 2, 2019