

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**May 7, 2019**

In attendance: Town Historian: John Pinna

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

Visitors: Ann Shershin, Stephanie Lewison, and Ryan Walsh (Marist Intern)

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Town Historian John Pinna.

**Minutes:** Minutes from April 2, 2019, were read and corrections made. Yvonne Laube made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Annon Adams seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Kimlin House:** The letters to the neighbors within 300 feet of the house and James Papp, the owner, were mailed. James Papp's letter was sent certified mail and was returned when they were unable to get a signature for receipt. Another address was obtained for James Papp and the letter was sent again certified mail. The letter was also e mailed to James Papp and he responded back that he supports and is in favor of the historic designation for his house. The public hearing before the Town Board will be July 17, 2019. Another round of letters will be sent to the neighbors and James Papp. Yvonne Laube made a motion to recommend the Kimlin House for local historic designation, David Dengel seconded the motion and the motion passed. Yvonne Laube will continue to contact Roger Williams University about performing a survey on the Kimlin House.

**Fort House:** The porch has been removed and the columns saved. We will follow up later about clearing vegetation away from the house.

**New Hamburg:** The Marist interns completed researching the history of one house in New Hamburg and forwarded the reports to Daniel Fannon to fill out the historic designation applications. The next house to be researched is the Roger's house. The owners are in favor of having their house designated. We will have five houses in New Hamburg to designate in the future. Yvonne Laube noted an article in Forbes magazine about changing historic district designations so that one owner who owns the majority of the land in the district to block the designation.

**Arthur S. May School:** SHPO released a letter to allow the demolition of the school building. They request that photos be taken and save as much as possible. Stephanie Lewison circulated a letter requesting that the Historic Preservation Commission be named a consulting party for the Letter of Resolution for the school project. John will review the letter, sign it, and send it to Weston Davey.

**Hudson River State Hospital:** There was a special Planning Board meeting about the project but not much of pertained to the historical aspects. There is a question of the ownership of great lawn and who will maintain it. Yvonne Laube was contacted about the blue print and plans for the administration building roof. She was asked for pictures of the attic and roof. The administration building is being consider to be used as a cultural arts center. Stephanie Lewison recommended a survey of the remaining trees over 12 inches in diameter. The developer is only going to do photo documentation of the exterior of the buildings. We would like the town to require interior pictures to be taken and follow SHPO appendix A recommendations. The photo shoot is May 18<sup>th</sup>. The next planning board meeting is May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Marist Interns:** The interns are finishing up this week. Joey DiFalco interviewed many retired officers and gathered information on the early town police department. Ryan Walsh researched WWI veterans and his report will be posted on the county and town websites. Sarah Franzetti is trying to find more information about the great lawn at the Hudson River State Hospital and is reaching out to the New York City Library and Olmsted Society. Taylor Aufiero is finishing up the research on Kirkland and sand filtration. Keith Ballard may have photos of the sand filtration plant.

**In-Service Program:** We discussed having an in-service that demonstrates that saving local history is profitable and good for the town.

**New Business:** John Pinna has a 6-month subscription to Newspapers.com.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin.

Minutes were read, corrected, and approved on June 4, 2019.