

TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
June 4, 2019

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

Visitors: Ann Shershin, and Stephanie Lewison.

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Ann Shershin.

Minutes: Minutes from May 7, 2019, were read and corrections made. Daniel Fannon made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, David Dengel seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Hudson River State Hospital: There was a special planning board meeting tonight about the Hudson Heritage project. The planning board passed SEQRA, the subdivision plan, and the site plan. There is some interest by a local hotel to make the administration building into a boutique hotel. An RFP is going out to request proposals for the Great Lawn restoration. A roof for the administration building has been designed and is being reviewed. There was a discussion of saving the power plant and finding a reuse for it. Yvonne Laube and Stephanie Lewison found the site of the original merry go round and they suggested that it could be used as a rest area and a memorial site for the Roosevelt family. The merry go round site is near where Mount Hope was. The copper beach tree by the director's house has been saved.

New Hamburg: There are five houses in New Hamburg that will be ready to be put up for historic designation in the early fall. Daniel Fannon reviewed the history of New Hamburg. He is concerned about the future of the school house, which is still intact. Daniel Fannon would like to continue researching the houses in New Hamburg and continue designating perhaps as many as five houses each quarter. Annon Adams questioned whether the New Hamburg Millards were related to George Millard of Poughkeepsie, who ran the Collingwood Opera House (now the Bardavon).

Fort House: The Fort House looks the same.

Kimlin Farm House: The taxes have been paid and the historic designation is moving forward.

Arthur S. May School: We reviewed comments from Stephanie Lewison that she suggested be forwarded the State Historic Preservation Division to be included in the Letter of Resolution for the Arthur S. May project. The state does not allow for the inclusion of consulting parties. We are asking for inside and outside photos, identifying items to be salvaged, listing organizations to receive salvaged items that can't be reused, and for the Town Historic Preservation Commission to receive a copy of all documentation. We reworked the comments and they will be emailed out to the commissioners for review. After everyone has agreed to the comments, Lydia Higginson will e mail the comments to John Bonafide.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin.

Minutes read, corrected, and approved on August 6, 2019.