

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**August 6, 2019**

In attendance: Town Historian: John Pinna

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

Visitors: Ann Shershin, and Stephanie Lewison.

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Town Historian, John Pinna.

**Minutes:** Minutes from June 4, 2019, were read and one correction made. David Dengel made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Yvonne Laube seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Hudson River State Hospital:** There was an article in the Poughkeepsie Journal on August 4, 2019, Town Planner, said that the plans have not changed and that there are 6 buildings to be preserved. The Snow Recreation Center was taken down last week. There is possibly a time capsule buried by the Snow Recreation Center. Yvonne Laube spoke to Marty Berger about shooting interiors pictures, documenting the demolition, and the administration building becoming a historic hotel. Exterior pictures have been taken but no interior shots. Marty Berger said that the original merry-go-round site could be used as a rest stop on the walking path. John Pinna will contact Marty Berger about the Poughkeepsie Journal article.

**New Hamburg:** The last store front in New Hamburg has become the home of the restaurant, Café Con Leche. While the restaurant has been successful, it lacks enough parking. Some of the neighbors have complained to their councilperson and town planning department. Restaurants are not a permitted use in the New Hamburg district. Café Con Leche is going before the zoning board of appeals next month. We will be finalizing the historic designation for the houses in New Hamburg we have researched in September or October.

**Fort House:** The porch has been rebuilt on the Fort House reused the columns and vegetation has been cut back. There are still vines growing on the south side of the house, two spots of damaged on the slate roof that needs to be repaired, and the porch needs to be sealed. There is still an entrepreneur interested in turning the Fort House into a restaurant.

**Kimlin House:** Kimlin House was designated last month. We have been in touch with the owner to get the house cleaned out and have new interior pictures taken.

**Wappinger Rural Cemetery Chapel:** Dan Fannon described the restoration of the chapel built into the side of the hill at the Wappinger Rural Cemetery. The chapel will be able to be used for ceremonies, services, and meetings.

**Town Code:** We discussed the town code and would like to add a requirement to it that the town historian must review any plan that requires the demolition of any building over 50 years old.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin.

Minutes read and approved on September 3, 2019.