

TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
September 3, 2019

In attendance: Town Historian: John Pinna

Commissioners: Annon Adams, David Dengel, Lydia Higginson, and Yvonne Laube.

Visitors: Stephanie Lewison, Ann Shershin, and Tyler Schulz (Marist Intern).

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Town Historian, John Pinna.

Minutes: Minutes from August 6, 2019, were read. Yvonne Laube made a motion to accept the minutes as read, David Dengel seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

James Pugh Kirkwood Portrait: The historic portrait was hung in the Town Hall meeting room and unveiled during the August 21, 2019, Town Board meeting. It looks very good in its new home.

Hudson River State Hospital: John Pinna contracted Marty Berger about the Poughkeepsie Journal article stating that only 3 buildings would be saved. Marty Berger replied that the newspaper article was incorrect and that they are keeping all the buildings they have agreed to save. John Pinna will invite Marty Berger and his architect to attend a future meeting. Ryon and then Cheney are the next two buildings to be demolished. Hay Creek is no longer interested in the Administration building as a hotel site. Saber is looking for uses for the administration building. It could possibly be used by a not for profit. John Pinna will be sending a letter from the Historic Preservation Commission about the state of the roof on the Administration building to Saber and the Town Planner.

Fort House: Kevin Marrinan needs to be contacted about the trees up against the Fort House, missing slate in the roof, and vines growing on the side of the house. Ann Shershin will e mail him.

New Hackensack House: A plaque was given to the Turners for their historically designated house on New Hackensack last weekend. They were pleased.

New Hamburg: Café Con Leche, restaurant at 10 Main Street, New Hamburg, is going before the Zoning Board of Appeals on Monday, September 9, for a decision as to whether it is grandfathered in with its non-conforming use. The concern is that the building will sit empty and deteriorate if the restaurant is not allowed to continue there.

Conference: We discussed having a conference on the value of historic preservation for the Planning Board and Town Board. We are aiming for having it in October. We also discussed having a training session on deed research for the members of the commission.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin.

Minutes read, corrected, and approved on October 1, 2019.