

TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
November 5, 2019

In attendance: Town Historian: John Pinna

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

Visitors: Stephanie Lewison and Ann Shershin.

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

Minutes: Minutes from October 1, 2019, were read. Yvonne Laube made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Coleen McCarthy seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Hudson River State Hospital: John Pinna called Marty Berger but he was unable to attend tonight. He offered to do a phone conference but John Pinna is going to ask him to come to another meeting in the future. Ryon has been taken down. Yvonne Laube was able to go into the building and take interior pictures before the demolition. John Pinna will buy an external drive to store these photo files and future files on. Yvonne Laube will be photographing Cheney next. Yvonne Laube also has a design where the hotel is built off the back of the North Wing façade and attached to the Administration Building. This would preserve the feeling of a castle on a hill and the location of the North Tower would make sense. We need to discuss this idea with Bill Carlos and Jay Baisley.

Fort House: Ann Shershin spoke with John McKee and he said that the work will be completed on the Fort House in a couple of weeks.

Kimlin House: We discussed the date to put on the plaque for the Kimlin House and settled on circa 1750. John Pinna will order the plaque.

New Hamburg: Coleen McCarthy has been working with Tyler Schulz to complete the history of the houses in New Hamburg. They have completed 20 Main Street, 1851, currently owned by the Rodgers. It is a lovely white with yellow trim Victorian. It was a small hotel and was owned by the Millards. The Rodgers want to designate their house as a local landmark. On 10 Conklin Street, there is a gothic barn and smoke house that the owner is interested in local landmark designation. They were part of a larger property that goes back to 1858. The original farm house was torn down and replaced with a modular house. The owner is concerned that the barn could be demolished by the next owner. The barn needs to be stabilized and could become a community project. Café Con Leche, 10 Main Street, maybe be moving.

Future Projects: John Pinna will contact Honor Society students to do volunteer hours to help with the research. Annon Adams suggests for future designations that we approach the oldest houses first and then work our way through the survey to the newer houses.

Wappingers Rural Cemetery Chapel: The restoration of the chapel has been completed and there will be an open house in the Spring. Dan Fannon recommended the color scheme used.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin.

Minutes read, amended, and approved on December 3, 2019.