

TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

March 3, 2020

In Attendance: Town Historian, John Pinna

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

Also Attending: Ann Shershin, Stephanie LaRose.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by John Pinna.

Minutes: Two spelling mistakes were corrected. Coleen McCarthy made a motion that the Minutes be approved as corrected. David Dengel seconded the motion which was passed.

Hudson Heritage: John Pinna will ask Marty Berger of Hudson Heritage to come before the Commission for a meeting during the week of March 16.

At the last Town Board Meeting, former Hudson River State Hospital employees expressed a desire for a Memorial to the Hospital to be established. Yvonne Laube will put together a subcommittee to develop a Memorial Plan.

Yvonne Laube inquired if a plan has been put together for reusing building materials that have been removed from Main Building. SHPO is monitoring this project. The windows are being removed and replaced by aluminum windows. A picture of the replacement window was circulated. Dan Fannon commented that window replacement was very important in building restoration. The Commission will need to monitor the shape, style and dimensions of the proposed replacement windows. Yvonne also asked about the weather vane. John Pinna and Yvonne Laube have been looking for information in Archives that might contain information on Hudson River State Hospital and its architect.

New Hamburg: Dan Fannon is working on completing the landmark application for a barn and smoke house to be designated. He will contact the owner to approve the application. He is also working on two other houses in New Hamburg.

Ongoing Work: Coleen McCarthy is working on landmark applications for two other houses: the Rogers house and the Bradley house. She is working with two Marist interns.

John Pinna is working on getting landmark applications completed for two buildings at Marist – the gate house and the boat house. He is also working on landmarking the former Martha Lawrence School in the Spackenkill School District which is now a special needs day care facility.

Conservation Advisory Commission: The Conservation Advisory Commission is looking at making changes in the Town's Master Plan. They inquired whether there are native American sites in the Town which should be considered. Bowdoin Park and the spring for which the Town was named off Sharon Drive were mentioned. They would also like to include any historic cemeteries such as the Westerveldt cemetery.

John Pinna hopes that the Historic Preservation Commission and the Conservation Advisory Commission can develop a constructive working relationship.

Workshop: John Pinna asked who would be attending the State Workshop to be held May 8. John will register anyone who is interested.

Root Cellar: Coleen McCarthy said that there is a root cellar at the white house to the left of Dr. Turner's house. There is a stone door that leads to it. Should the root cellar be designated?

Postcard: Dan showed an old postcard of Conklin Street.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Minutes Prepared by Annon Adams