

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**May 5, 2020**

In attendance: Town Historian: John Pinna

Commissioners: Annon Adams, Lydia Higginson, Yvonne Laube, and Coleen McCarthy.

Visitors: Stephanie Lewison and Ann Shershin.

The teleconference meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Town Historian, John Pinna.

**Minutes:** Minutes were not available.

**Hudson River State Hospital:** Yvonne Laube updated us on Hudson Heritage and the last 2 planning board appearances. Hudson Heritage is tweaking their plans for the south campus where the retail is going to be located. They wish to begin sewer work on the south campus before the Town establishes the sewer district. They have been begun rebuilding the roof and have ordered the windows for the Administration Building. New security has been hired. The weather vane that was on top of the Administration Building has disappeared and will need to be replaced. The 4<sup>th</sup> floor and attic of the Administration Building will contain new trusses to support the roof. Last Saturday, the Cheney Building was photo documented from top to bottom. Yvonne Laube asked that the corner stone with the date on it be recovered before demolition of the Cheney Building. It may contain a time capsule and needs to be recorded. Hudson Heritage has a public hearing tomorrow before the Town Board to obtain a zoning amendment. John Pinna spoke with Marty Berger and told Marty Berger that he needs to be more up front with the commission and that Yvonne Laube speaks for the commission.

**New Hamburg:** Historic designations applications are being finished up.

**Fort House:** Roof is looking worse. John McKee will be contacted.

**New Business:**

**Artwork in Hallways:** Since many of the pictures displayed along the hallways in the Town Hall were removed when Mark Fink retired, we discussed displaying historic pictures from the Town Historian collection and taking pictures of Town historic sites to display.

**Interns:** The interns were given other research to do. Coleen McCarthy is waiting until she is able to get into the county title room again.

**Kimlin Farm House:** The Kimlin Farm House has significant roof issues. Cider Mill Friends is looking into purchasing the house and stabilizing the structure.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin.

Minutes read, amended, and approved on June 2, 2020.