

## **Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**

### **Wednesday April 18th 2012 7:30PM - 9:30PM at the Town Hall**

Commissioners attending: John Orfitelli (Chair), Helen Christie (Vice Chair), Dave Gilmour, Leah Manders, along with Town Board Liaison, Kitty Brown.

#### **Agenda**

1. Public Comment
2. Arbuckle Designation
3. Grant Status
4. Mohonk Project
5. Other Business
6. Review/Approve Minutes from January and February

#### **Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 7:37pm by motion from Dave Gilmour, seconded by Helen Christie. Motion passed.

**1. Public Comment:** No public comments were received.

**2. Arbuckle Designation:** Dave Gilmour reported that photos were inadvertently removed from the landmark designation material by Joe Moriello. Dave agreed to follow-up with Joe to correct the material and complete the submission process.

**3. Video Grant Status:** John Orfitelli and Leah Manders continue to participate in project planning meetings with Josh Simons and the Video project team at SUNY. Meetings are held at the CRREO offices located on the seventh floor of the Haggerty building at 2:30 each Wednesday and the Commission is welcome to participate.

A draft of the video script is under development and can be viewed by the Commission in Google Docs. A list of locations for creating video material and a list of individuals for interviews is being prepared. The Commission discussed how the video needs to encourage property owners to bring forward stories of their family history and thereby help the Commission to preserve the legacy of our community.

John Orfitelli agreed to check the map for accuracy of the current landmarks and, toward that end, compile a complete list of all Local, State, and National landmarks within the Village and Town with SBL, address, and designation name. The list will also be provided to Town Building Inspector, Stacy Delarede, for inclusion in the Municipality Program which is the data base used for the building permit review and submission process.

The Commission discussed how the landmark icons on the map currently do not distinguish between local, state, or national designation. The Commission agreed that the symbology should be modified and made consistent with those used in other similar map applications. Implementation of any changes will require further study and possible code changes. John Orfitelli suggested that the creation of a mapping application template for use by other communities as requested by SHPO may serve as a way to fund this work.

Kitty Brown highlighted the need to indicate on the map that properties designated as Local and State historic landmarks are owned by private individuals and not for public access.

The Commission agreed that a review meeting with the project manager, Josh Simons, and his team would be useful once the project is about 50% completed.

**4. Mohonk Project:** Leah Manders is working with Emily Westgate, a freelance researcher under John Thompson, to study histories of the four farms, a house, and the Testimonial Gatehouse located on the parcel purchased by the Open Space Institute for the Mohonk Preserve. The study is aimed at determining how the farms were originally incorporated by the Smiley family. Leah will be adding data collected from the research to the on-line map.

Dave Gilmour suggested the commission contact OSI to discuss designation of the Testimonial Gatehouse as a local landmark to ensure that the Town HPC will have jurisdiction in that area and will be required to approve future changes.

## **5. Other Business**

- Leah Manders and Helen Christ have been approved by the Town Board for seats on the Commission. Both need to be sworn in by the Town Clerk.
- The Smith property on Rt 32 N and the Lent House (Empire State Bank) both appear in disrepair. The Commission will discuss how to proceed in taking action with the owners at a future meeting.
- A voucher for Dave Gilmour for expense of renewing our membership to the Preservation League of New York was approved.

**6. Review/Approve Minutes from January and February:** Motion to approve the minutes from January and February meetings was made by Dave Gilmour and seconded by Helen Christie. Motion passed. Minutes will be entered into the records.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Orfitelli, seconded by Helen Christie, Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:20.