

Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Wednesday April 24th 2013 7:30PM - 9:30PM at the Town Hall

Commissioners attending: John Orfitelli (Chair), Caryn Sobel, Helen Christie (Vice Chair), Stephen Warren, and Dave Gilmour, along with Town Board Liaison Kitty Brown. Also attending were Josh Simons, CRREO, and Casey Robertson, SUNY student who will be working on the Photo Morphing Grant under direction of Josh Simons.

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. 2012 Photo Morphing Grant
 - Josh Simons
 - Student Introduction
 - Review of Photos Currently Available from On-Line Map
 - Dave Gilmour: Photos from the Village HPC
 - Select Pilot Photo(s) and Review Project Timeline
3. Map Site
 - Google API Upgrade
 - Josh Simons: Map Site Editor
4. Mohonk Project: Gatehouse Designation Material
5. Review/Approve Minutes from April 10th

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:26pm by motion from Dave Gilmour and seconded by Helen Christie. Motion carried.

1. Public Comment: No public comments were received.

2. 2012 Photo Morphing Grant: Josh Simons, CRREO Project Manager, introduced Casey Robertson to the Commission. Casey is a photography student at SUNY who will be taking photos of the various locations selected by the Commission to create animations that morph with the reference photos.

The Commission reviewed a number of reference photos obtained from the Haviland-Heidgerd Historical Collection at the Elting Memorial Library, those used by the Village HPC in completing their recent research on several properties within the Village Historic District, as well as, material that is currently available for many town properties in our interactive on-line map application. The current list of candidates includes:

- W.S.Tamney Building (New Paltz Hotel)
- Plutarch Church (sportsman club)
- 1-3 Coffey Road
- Putt Corners (270 Main)
- Several 1950's air photos
- Empire Bank
- Train Station
- 43 South Manheim (photos of campus prior to college)

The W.S.Tamney and the 'Flat Iron' buildings were selected to pilot the process. Josh and Casey will proceed to take a current photo of both locations with the same alignment as the reference photos. Animations will be created and distributed to the Commission via e-mail prior to our next meeting.

3. Map Site: Josh Simons provided an excellent overview of the editing capabilities built into the On-Line Map application. The Article Editor and Map Editor tools were created to facilitate changes, as well as, allow new data to be added to map locations. John Orfitelli agreed to modify the user guide to reflect the changes to the editor.

Josh Simons agreed to provide the Commission with a detailed work scope and estimate for upgrading the Map Application to accommodate the new Google API.

4. Mohonk Project: Gatehouse Designation Material (as reported by Carol Sobel): There were several visits to the Gatehouse location this month to walk the property and examine the features. Caryn and Steven will be writing the draft for the landmark designation package for review at next month's meeting. Dave Gilmour *requested that Caryn obtain more details regarding the history of the carriage road surface*; Caryn will follow up with Glenn Hoagland, Executive Director of the Mohonk Preserve, and will also see if the Mountain House archives have more photos of earlier stages of the allée.

5. Review/Approve Minutes from April 10th: A motion to approve minutes from our meeting on April 10th was made by Steve Warren and seconded by Helen Christie. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Caryn Sobel and seconded by Helen Christie. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:28.