

Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Monday August 4th 2008 7:30PM - 9:30PM at the Town Hall

Attendees: Town HPC Commissioners John Orfitelli, Helen Christie, and Mary Ann Colopy. Also attending were Town Board Liason, Kitty Brown and Kathleen Interrante who is awaiting approval of her appointment to the Commission.

Agenda (carried over from June)

- 1) Review/Approve Minutes from the May meeting
- 2) Meeting Follow-ups from Prior Meetings
- 3) New Business

Minutes

Meeting started at 7:40, opening for public comment. No public comment was received.

- 1) Review/Approve Minutes from the May Meeting

The Commission reviewed meeting minutes from the May meeting. A motion to approve the May minutes with no changes was presented by Mary Ann Colopy and seconded by Helen Cristie. Motion carried.

- 2) Follow-ups from Prior Meetings

- a) Mohonk Gate House Entrance Changes

John Orfitelli contacted Lynn Garofalini to obtain any correspondence that was provided to the Town Planning Board.

- b) Hampton Inn Proposal

The Commission reviewed updated elevation drawings submitted by owner Jay Modhwadiya. These most recent changes to the facade are clearly aimed capturing the spirit and texture of the Mohonk Mountain House. The Commission highlighted the orientation, access, and general bulk of the building as possible issues that will need to be addressed as you move through the process involving the Planning Board and Town Board. The primary concern of this Commission, however, is on the cemetery located on the south side of the property. The cemetery property is currently owned and maintained by the Huguenot Historic Society. At a minimum, the Commission strongly feels this area should be protected by a stone wall or solid fence to prevent access by guests and thereby mitigate disturbance and damage caused by pets and children.

- c) Geraldine Buck and Terry Sullivan Designations: The Commission reviewed the new Landmark Designation form and provided additional updates. The new form will serve to clarify the process and provide sources for research materials.

d) Crossroads EIS: The Commission reviewed the Historic and Cultural section of the Environmental Impact Statement submitted by Crossroads development. As stated in the EIS, no artifacts were found by a consultant who surveyed the site. In a previous meeting with Neil Larson, it was determined that the Crossroads complex may not have a significant impact on Paradies Lane and specifically the stone house which has not been designated and therefore is outside the purview of this Commission. Based on both the EIS and Neil Larson input, the Commission concluded that the Crossroads project will likely not impact Historic sites or areas in that location.

- 3) New Business

Mary Ann Colopy explained how her current workload situation was preventing her from providing the level of support that she felt was needed to satisfy her role as a Commissioner and therefore must resign from the HPC. She is expected to submit her resignation to the Town Board within the next week.

Mary Ann's participation over the past several years has greatly influenced the organization and management of the Commission. Her expertise is highly valued and we will certainly take her offer to provide consultation we move forward with several initiatives.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.