

## **Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Monday August 7th 7:00PM - 9:00PM at the Town Hall.**

**Attendees:** Town HPC Commissioners Dave Gilmore, Rickie Solinger, Mary Ann Colopy, and John Orfitelli. Town Board Liason, Kitty Brown. Village HPC Commissioner, Bill Schnitzer. Neil Larson from Larson Fisher Associates.

### **Agenda**

#### **Review/Approve Minutes from July 12th Meeting**

##### **Follow-ups**

- Blake House Visit: John
- Tax Credit information for Frank Carragher: Mary Ann
- Cursory review of Floyd Paterson Farm: Dave
- Quest for 5th Member: Dave

##### **New Business**

- Review of recon survey with Neil Larsen. Topics to include:
  - > Status of grant work currently in process
  - > Suggestions for strategic road-map
  - > Historic boundaries and significance of the Ohioville district

### **Minutes**

#### **Review/Approve Minutes from July 12th Meeting**

- The July 12th meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted as amended.

##### **Follow-ups**

- **Blake House Site Visit:** No change in status from July 12th meeting.

**Action: John** to arrange visit to meet with owner, Rowley, and tour property and in particular the barn which has been rebuilt. May be accompanied by Mary Ann if available.

- **Tax Credit information for Frank Carragher:** Mary Ann contacted Frank Carragher and explained that a tax credit of \$5K (maximum) is available from NY State for preserving facade. However, the barn appears to be in very poor condition and therefore an unlikely candidate for any practical preservation action.

**Closed, no further action required.**

- **Cursory review of Floyd Paterson Farm for possible designation**

**Action: Dave** to continue research with Carol Johnson. Also, Dave will contact Neil Larson to discuss linkage of property to Floyd Paterson.

- **Quest for 5th member:** No change in status from July 12th meeting.

**Action: Dave** to continue search activities with Kitty.

## **New Business**

### **- Budget Input for 2007**

**Action: John** to provide draft input for review with HPC team and submit to Town Supervisor.

### **- Review of recon survey with Neil Larsen. Topics to include:**

> Status of grant work currently in process

The three grant activities and current status were summarized by Neil:

A) Reconnaissance Level Survey: Completed. An additional CD with the recon data was requested for use by the HPC in publishing data to a Web site.

B) Intensive Level Survey: In Process. This work follows the joint Village/Town Open Space project and is intended to provide more detailed data regrading the historic significance of four major areas, namely,

- Bontique
- Butterville
- Libertyville
- Ohioville

Research is aimed at identifying their role in agricultural development, influence on early settlements the local architecture.

Phase 1 or 4 was completed 2/3/2006.

**Neil** agreed to provide the HPC with an initial draft of the final work product on 9/15.

**John** agreed to review the grant and contract to determine the impact on funding of the project deadline.

HPC requested that **Neil** present the final report/findings to a joint meeting with Village/Town HPC along with the Open Space Commission.

C) National Registration Nominations: Proposed, contract being prepared. This is also a joint Village-Town grant aimed at developing material required for establishing two regions (one in the Village and one in the Town) as National Historic Districts.

The current areas being considered include the commercial region with the Village and the Old 299 region in Ohioville.

The HPC discussed the priorities for designation of stone houses over engaging in the National Registration Nomination process. For example, the property located on 9 Paradies Lane may be a viable candidate for designation which will afford some protection from recently proposed development of

the Plessner property located adjacent to that location. However, it appears that the development of the Plessner property may not significantly impact the historic Ohioville region as defined by Neil.

Part of the Phase I architectural survey required by the developer does involve Historic Architectures. **Kitty** agreed to follow-up with Joe Diamond at SUNY to obtain clarification.

> Suggestions for strategic road-map

Neil provided his suggestions for developing a strategy for the HPC, namely,

- Provide public education and awareness
- Maintain a strong relationship with the Town Board, Planning Board, and Building Inspectors
- Team with other local HPC's and groups.. Wallkill Valley Open Space
- Contact owners of stone houses to solicit support
- Saratoga Springs is a good model for community education
- Plan examples can be found at nps.gov, National Parks Service.. look for preservation planning

> Historic boundaries and significance of the Ohioville district: covered above in item (C).

**- Public Education and Awareness**

The HPC discussed how to engage the community in supporting Historic Preservation. Photos that show how

the area has changed over the decades can be a dramatic reminder of how the community can influence the historic fabric of a region. The HPC discussed ways to gather photos from families in the area which could be used along with material from the library in a future exhibit to highlight the need to preserve our historic landmarks and spaces. It was suggested that a joint Village Town booth at the Taste of New Paltz be used to gather stories from the community. **Rickie** agreed to draft a proposal for creating an "I remember..." exhibit to

share with the team. Since the Taste of New Paltz is scheduled for 9/17, an interim work session including both the Village and Town HPC's will be used to discuss in more detail.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.