

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

Attendees: Town HPC Commissioners Mary Ann Colopy, Dave Gilmour, John Orfitelli, and Helen Christie. Also attending were Town Board liaison, Kitty Brown, and Owners of the Hampton Inn, Jay Modhwadiya and Sonny Patel, along with their General Manager, Denise Laneuville.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Meeting started at 7:30, opening for public comment. No public comment was received.

1) Review/Approve Minutes from the December Meeting

Motion to approve the December minutes was presented by Dave Gilmour and seconded by Mary Ann Colopy. Motion carried.

2) Follow-ups from Prior Meetings

a) Mohonk Gate House Entrance Changes:

Dave Gilmour and John Orfitelli attended the January 28th meeting of the Town Planning Board. Dave Gilmour addressed the Board regarding the proposed changes. Dave described various attributes of the site such as the scale of the structure, materials, and landscaping, which combine to form the overall character of the entrance.

While the Commission had not been notified by the Planning Board of this project in December, Paul Brown and other members of the Planning Board did acknowledge the importance of having the Commission involved and requested assistance in the review process. The application for Lead Agency which had been mailed out on Friday, listed the Historic Preservation Commission as an 'involved' party and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) as an 'interested' party.

A conference call with Lynn Garofalini, our regional SHPO representative, Dave Gilmour and John Orfitelli was held on February 1st to review the process and role of SHPO in this matter. Lynn was very interested in the changes and outlined the SHPO process and time-line. She agreed to provide a list of the specific set of documents and other materials required for a review in about 4 weeks or roughly by the end of February.

Dave Gilmore and John Orfitelli summarized the recent activity (as described above) to the Commission on February 4th. A motion was made by Dave Gilmore to request that Lynn Garofalini to drive the review process. Motion was seconded by Mary Ann Colopy. Motion Carried.

An e-mail was sent on February 5th by John Orfitelli to Lynn Garofalini along with Andy Allison, the projects architect, and Paul Brown, Town Planning Board Chair, informing them of the Commission's decision to use SHPO to lead the review process.

Andy Allison acknowledged receipt and provided recently updated materials for review by the Commission (see attachment).

b) Geradline Buck Designation: Mary Ann Colopy left a phone message with Geradline Buck on February 3rd that she was available to review the designation process and application.

c) Terri Sullivan Designation: No new progress to report.

d) Neil Larsen presented to the Town Board on January 24th. Neil provided an excellent overview of recent grant activities and in particular the results of his Intensive Level Survey work. A press article published in the New Paltz Times by Erin Quinn is attached.

e) A draft of the November conference report was made available for review. The report is expected to be completed and distributed by the end of February.

d) John Orfitelli updated the [HPC web site](#) to add and organize material into pages that facilitate ease of use. Additional of forms and other important documents, as well as, links to references will be added over the next couple months.

3) New Business

a) Hampton Inn Proposal

Jay Modhwadiya and Sonny Patel, owners of the Hampton Inn located in Kingston, along with Denise Laneulle, General Manager, presented their initial plans for a proposed Hampton Inn to be located on the former Frito-Lay site (most recent elevation drawing is attached).

The Commission provided local architectural references that could be used to design a building that would exhibit the character of the community, namely, the Mohonk Mountain House and the buildings in the Huguenot Historic district. Also, it was suggested that they consult with Carol Johnson at the Library for additional records and references that will provide context for their design.

The Commission agreed to review the plans and provide feedback that will assist the owners in preparing for future reviews with the Town Planning Board and Town Board.

b) The following items were purchased and are available:

- Membership to the Preservation League of New York
- Two copies of the book entitled Politics of District Designation
- Printing and folders for 12 booklets of the National Landmark application created for the Ohioville District by Neil Larsen. This material will be used as part of the process to educate the local community about the application process and significance of the Ohioville district and importance of the application as a National Landmark.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.