

Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Monday January 4th 2010 7:30PM - 9:30PM at the Community Center

Attendees: Town HPC Commissioners John Orfitelli, David Gilmour, Helen Christie, Kathleen Interrante, and Town Board Liaison, Kitty Brown. Also, attending were Fred and Bee VanNorstrand representing friends and families of Plutarch Road Historic Group.

Agenda

- 1) Public Comment
- 2) GIS Mapping Grant Status
- 3) Status of Designations In Process
- 4) Review/Approval of Minutes from August and December Meetings
- 5) Other

Minutes

Motion was made by Helen Christie and seconded by Kathleen Interrante to open the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting opened for public comment at 7:35PM.

1) Public Comment

No public comments were received.

2) GIS Mapping Grant Status

Julian Adams has indicated that SHPO is proceeding with the 2010 grants process and expects our GIS Mapping Grant proposal to be approved for the full matching portion we requested.

Based on the likelihood that we will be moving forward, John Orfitelli met with Josh Simons (Project Manager for the Grant at CRREO) and Greg Correll (WebMaster for the Town's website) at SUNY on 12/30 to review the plans for implementing the GIS map and to determine any options/changes that would facilitate integration with the Town's website.

Greg Correll described several newly available Web based [content management system](#) (CMS) software offerings for creating and managing [HTML](#) content. CMS is used to manage and control a large, dynamic collection of Web material (HTML documents and their associated images). A web based CMS system facilitates [content](#) creation, content control, editing, and essential Web maintenance functions. The software provides authoring (and other) tools designed to allow users with little knowledge of [programming languages](#) or [markup languages](#) to create and manage content with relative ease.

Greg explained that the Town's Website is being converted to utilize Web CMS software from [Joomla](#). Many aspects, including its ease-of-use and extensibility, have ranked Joomla very high in popularity among Web site software developers. Best of all, Joomla is an open source solution that is freely available to everyone. The conversion of the Town's website is targeted for end of January.

Josh agreed that our GIS Mapping pages should be implemented using Joomla. This will greatly enhance and simplify our ability to maintain and update the content on our site and provide for future features and functionality.

Dave Gilmour suggested source information for the [meta data](#) be carefully recorded and facilities be put in place to allow tracking of changes.

John Orfitelli agreed to check with Pat Kane regarding the process required to 'carry over' our remaining 2009 budget for use in 2010. These funds along with money from our 2010 budget are required to cover the HPC share of the grant in 2010.

Finally, a data collection process is required for our historic properties being documented in the project which will cover:

- Data Collection
- Photos
- Controls
- Data Editing Protocols

Josh has been invited to attend our next meeting in February to meet with the Commission and address questions regarding the project. Once the grant is underway, Josh will be providing status to the Commission each month.

3) Status of Designations In Process

a) S.Putt Cemetery

Dave Gilmour completed documentation on the landmark designation of the Cemetery at S.Putt for submission to the UC Clerk. Dave will be contacting Joe Moriello to complete the process prior to the deadline on February 8th.

John Oriftelli agreed to contact Hampton Inn owner, Jay Modhwadiya, regarding the letter of intent for restoration work on the site. A draft submitted via e-mail had been distributed for review earlier in December. A signed hard-copy will be provided for our files and submitted to the planning board at their public hearing on 1/11.

b) Arbuckle Designation for Gerri Buck

No updates to report.

4) Other

a) Helen Christie invited Fred and Bee VanNorstrand to share their efforts at preserving the history of families and properties along Plutarch Road. A group of neighbors meet monthly at the Library and are in the process of working with Carol Johnson to write a book about the Plutarch area. The stories will be combined with Ohioville material to provide a fascinating look back at how people lived and worked in the area. Helen Christie agreed to serve as a focal point to the Commission for the Plutarch group.

b) The Commission elected Helen Christie as Vice-Chair and recording secretary a position formally held by Dave Gilmour.

c) John Oriftelli agreed to check on the terms for the current members of the Commission as part of our yearly review.

5) Review/Approval of Minutes from August and December Meetings

Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed by the Commission. A motion to approve was made by Kathleen Interrante and seconded by Helen Christie. August minutes are expected to be completed for review at our meeting in February.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Helen Christie and seconded by Kathleen Interrante. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

