

Historic Preservation Commission July 16th 2007 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Town HPC Commissioners Mary Ann Colopy, Dave Gilmour, John Orfitelli, and Helen Christie. Also attending briefly was Toni Hokanson, Town Supervisor.

Agenda

- Review/Approve Minutes from the June Meeting
- Follow-ups from Prior Meetings
- New Business

Minutes

Meeting started at 7:15.

1. Review/Approve Minutes from the June Meeting

Motion to approve minutes as amended was presented by Dave Gilmour and seconded by Helen Christie, Motion carried.

2. Follow-ups from Prior Meetings

a) David Gilmour, AICP, Commissioner, phoned Julie Carmelich, Cultural Resources Manager, IVI Due Diligence Services (IVI) regarding Verizon's proposed telecommunications tower deployment at Mohonk Mountain House.

Ms. Carmelich indicated that the project already received Historic Preservation Act Section 106 sign-off from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on May 31, 2007.

Ms. Carmelich was asked to describe the proposed deployment: all installations were internal to turrets in existing structures (plus additions of equipment in the basement) in order that there could be service on-site. Ms. Carmelich said the deployment was similar to the existing wi-fi deployment on-site. Ms. Carmelich volunteered to send cut sheets from the proposed deployment, equipment specifications, and the SHPO consent letter.

Mr. Gilmour discussed with Ms. Carmelich whether there were communications by IVI regarding this application with the Town of Rochester, including specifically the Town of Rochester Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. Gilmour believed the part of the site most directly subject to the application is located within the Town of Rochester (part of the property is also located within the Town of New Paltz). Ms. Carmelich indicated that IVI had no communication with the Town of Rochester, or specifically with the Town of Rochester Historic Preservation Commission.

Mr. Gilmour copied the other Commissioners the July 16 e-mail (with four attachments..also included in these minutes) from Ms. Carmelich. The e-mail corrected the telephone call indicating that there were actually external deployments on buildings, but these would not be visible from the ground. However, as discussed with the Commission, it was not indicated which ground or streets Mr. Carmelich was speaking of. Mr. Gilmour thought it does appear that the antennas were relatively small and probably wouldn't be visible from remote locations in the Town, or from private roads at the front entrances of the main hotel building. Mr. Gilmour pointed out that the address on the application was the Town of Marbletown.

Mr. Gilmour recommended that the Commission compose a letter to the other two Towns specifically explaining this case. It could identify an opportunity to occasionally communicate on cross-cutting issues, such as this. This is an example of project that the Commissions and Towns could collaborate and work on jointly.

b) Dave Gilmour completed his initial review of the current Town CLG law and reviewed with the commission a number of possible changes.

The proposed updates are attached and will be discussed further at future meetings.

New Business

a) Toni Hokanson, New Paltz Town Supervisor, provided the following recently enacted requirements for Public Hearings and specific wording for HPC signage (attached pdf) to be posted on the site.

All Applications Requiring Public Hearing:

1) Notice public hearing in newspaper at least 10 days prior, unless Public Hearing on EIS then notice 14 days prior.

2) Mailing to adjoining property owners:

a) Names and addresses obtained from Town Assessor for property owners within 500' of property boundaries.

b) Applicant mails notice of public hearing, certified mail with return receipt and provides to secretary an affidavit of mailing prior to public hearing.

3) Signage- One sign shall be placed on property within 25 ft of each property line having frontage on a road or highway, so that it is clearly visible to the public from the road or highway.

Signs are available at PDQ for less than \$6.00, Ask for: Neighbor Notification HPC

Signs should be put up as soon as possible after application made but not less than 15 days prior to the Public Hearing and remains until final determination.

b) Possible site for historic designation: 216 Old Kingston Road. John to check data from current inventory. Possibly consider part of historic district.

Other

- Motion to not hold a meeting in August was presented by John Orfitelli. Seconded by Helen Christie. Motion carried. Target for next meeting in September will be 9/17.

8/9 Update: Town Hall meeting room has been reserved for 9/17.

- Motion to adjourn meeting presented by John Orfitelli, seconded by Mary Ann Colopy.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.