

## **Agenda for Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**

Wednesday, July 12th 7:00PM - 9:00PM at the Town Hall.

### Review Minutes from June 5th Meeting

- Blake House Site Visit
- cursory review of Frank Carragher's 201 N. Ohioville site w/barn for possible designation
- cursory review of Floyd Paterson Farm for possible designation
- Quest for 5th member

### New Business

- 2006 Grant Proposal Review/Approval
- Determine Dates for Meetings in August and September
- Discuss extending invitations to attend our meeting for:
  - James Morrison (re: Crossroads Project)
  - Al Wegener (re: Scenic Byway Project)
  - Julian Adams (September)

**Attendees:** Commissioners Dave Gilmore, Rickie Solinger, and Mary Ann Colopy. Jesse Sarubbi from Shingebiss Associates.

### **Review Minutes from June 5th Meeting**

- June 5th minutes reviewed and accepted as amended.

### **Follow-ups from June 5th Meeting**

- Blake House Site Visit

No action taken by John re: visit since June 5th 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.

- cursory review of Frank Carragher's 201 N. Ohioville site w/barn for possible designation.

Action by Mary Ann per June 28 e-mail: There is state tax credit available for owners who restore a barn and do not convert to residential. There are other conditions -- but a barn does not need to be land-marked for the credit. There is also fed credit available. Since property appears to be on the market, suggest we not research further until owners intentions are established. In any case -- as local HPC we do not landmark barns, but only properties.

Additional input from July 12th meeting: Maximum tax credit of \$5K available for preserving facade. Barn appears to be in very poor condition and therefore unlikely candidate for any practical preservation action.

**Action: Mary Ann** to call Frank Carragher to share assessment and tax credit information.

- cursory review of Floyd Paterson Farm for possible designation

Dave completed initial research using existing reference material and images.

**Action: Dave** to contact Carol Johnson to discuss property and review reconnaissance level survey material.

- Quest for 5th member

Action by Dave per July 7th e-mail: ..asked around for any architects who live in town and did not identify any, as expected. So, I called SUNY and inquired if there might be employees who have an architecture, history or building sciences background who they might refer so we could inquire regarding interest in the Commission. The response that came back indicated that John Macenoo(sp) of the Facilities Department, who is also on the Ulster Co Historic Comm, may be interested, but he lives in Rosendale. I have not got back to SUNY since then. One additional recommendation of our group was to contact Bill Rhoads(sp) and inquire if he knows someone who may be interested, but I didn't do that yet. Kitty, you might recollect that a while back the Commissioners were confused which policy was the correct one for the HPC. I just reviewed Town

Law Article XIV of 2/28/2002, subsections 140-119 & 120, as available on General Code's web site – there is

**no explicit reference to a requirement for an architect.** We could check the official code with Town clerk, but I suspect the architect requirement was old, outdated code that I pulled off of another less reliable web site.

**Action: Dave** to contact Kitty to request that town proceed with posting for additional member.. architectural

background expertise preferred but not required.

## **New Business**

- 2006 Grant Proposal Review/Approval

Jesse Sarrubi presented the draft copy of the joint Town and Village HPC 2006 grant proposal to the State Historic Preservation Office for a conference in 2007 with communities involved in the historic designation process. The conference will be designed to bring historic preservation groups within our region together to discuss our shared need to do public education and to discuss what is most likely our

common need, namely, how to use websites creatively, effectively, and efficiently for public education and

awareness. Our overall objective would be to provide information and solutions that would be useful to many other communities.

Specific topics for discussion would include:

1) Defining the "public education" work that we do in our communities -- and the public education work we

want to do -- as historic preservationists;

2) Potential uses of electronic media, specifically websites, as a tool for educating our communities about the

historic education project, generally and locally;

3) How to construct and deploy websites that will educate our communities and will remain viable, vibrant, and relevant over time.

The grant proposes,

1) Two one-day sessions, one in the late Spring, one in the early Fall of 2007 focused on these subjects;

- 2) A mixed format, experts and group/community-based voices;
- 3) A plan for a website template and other cross-community collaborations

As of our meeting on 7/12, we had received seven letters of support via e-mails from:

- Betsy McKean (records mgmnt city of Newburgh)
- Virginia A. Buechele (Poughkeepsie HPC) Fort Homestead Association
- Elliot Aurbach (Village of Ellenville)
- Gary Tinterow, Marbletown HPC Chair
- Ralph Diaz, Lloyd Hist Pres Society
- Tema Harnik, Executive Director, Lower Hudson Conference
- Suzanne Cahill, City Planner, Kingston

Village Mayor Jason West provided his endorsement along with the Town Supervision Toni Hokenson who

also approved the matching funds portion of the grant. The draft was reviewed and approved as amended.

- Dates for Meetings in August and September

The August meeting will be held on Monday August 7th. The September meeting will be held on Wednesday September 6th.

- Invitations to future meetings:

8/7 - James Morrison (re: Crossroads Project): date TBD based on HPC meeting on 8/7 with Neil Larsen and review of recon survey re: Ohioville region. Post meeting note: Neil agreed to attend our meeting on 8/7 to review a) the grant work currently in process, b) his view of a strategic roadmap for future activities, and c) the Ohioville district and historic significance.

- Julian Adams: tentative date is September meeting

- Al Wegener (re: Scenic Byway Project): tentative date is October meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.