

Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday June 18th 2014 7:30PM - 9:30PM at the Town Hall

Commissioners attending: John Orfitelli (Chair), Helen Christie (Vice Chair), and Caryn Sobel

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. Review/Approve Minutes from May
3. Landmark Initiative Grant
4. Use of Social Media
5. Other

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by motion from Caryn Sobel, seconded by Helen Christie. Motion carried.

1. **Public Comment:** No public comments were received.
2. **Review/Approve Minutes from May:** Motion to approve minutes as amended was made by Caryn Sobel, seconded by Helen Christie, motion carried.
3. **Landmark Initiative Grant:** As outlined in our grant objectives, all stone house owners were invited to a presentation by Neil Larson and John Orfitelli at Deyo Hall on June 4th to learn about our Landmark Initiative. Despite our best efforts to contact invitees (by postal mail and by phone), we only had two property owners show. A total of 15 attended our meeting including Commission members John Orfitelli, Dave Gilmour, Helen Christie, and Caryn Sobel, friends of property owners, and members from Historic Huguenot Street. Neil Larson provided an excellent overview of Stone House architecture, it's evolution, and place in our area. John Orfitelli provided a summary of the grant, criteria for designation and the nomination process, along with an overview of the certificate of appropriateness and process. A handout package was provided that included the presentation materials, forms, and our DVD of the Interactive On-Line Map. The meeting was then opened for questions and we were able to address various concerns. It was actually a terrific 'dry run' for our continued efforts to meet with individual property owners.

Next step will be to arrange individual meetings with the remaining property owners at their homes and, in parallel, Neil Larson will continue his research.

In response to an owner's concern, Caryn Sobel agreed to contact Julian Adams to obtain clarification on the impact, if any, a local landmark designation has on properties owned by the State such the SUNY Campus.

4. **Use of Social Media:** Caryn Sobel created a Twitter account @newpaltzpres for use in sharing information and events.
5. **Other:**
 - Dan Torres extended an invitation to the Commission to attend the Joint Village Town Board meeting to be held at Historic Huguenot Street in August to present status.
 - John Orfitelli updated the HPC web page to show the newly appointed Town Historians, Carol Johnson and Susan Stessin-Cohn. Caryn Sobel suggested adding a link for each to their personal web pages.

Motion to adjourn was made by Helen Christie and seconded by Caryn Sobel. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm. Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 30th at 7:30pm in the Town Hall.