

## **Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**

### **Wednesday June 20th 2012 7:30PM - 9:30PM at the Town Hall**

Commissioners attending: John Orfitelli (Chair), Dave Gilmour, Leah Manders, and Kathleen Interrante. Also attending were Caryn Sobel who has indicated an interest in joining the Commission and Geraldine Buck who submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness for review and approval by the Commission..

#### **Agenda**

1. Public Comment
2. Certificate of Appropriateness
3. Video Grant Status
4. Mohonk Project
5. Review/Approve Minutes from April and May
6. Open Discussion Items

#### **Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 7:37pm by motion from Dave Gilmour, seconded by Leah Manders. Motion passed.

**1. Public Comment:** No public comments were received.

**2. Certificate of Appropriateness:** Geraldine (Geri) Buck submitted an application for Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA) for work to be done on the shop building that is part of her property at 46 Libertyville Road which has been designated as a local landmark. The shop roof which is in need of repair is to be replaced with cedar shakes. This is the same material that currently exists and maintains the historic integrity of the building. The completed CoA with color photos of the building and roof detail is attached. A motion to approve the CoA was made by Kathleen Interrante and seconded by Dave Gilmour. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

**3. Video Grant Status:** John Orfitelli participated in several project planning meetings with Josh Simons and the Video project team at SUNY. Meetings were held at the CRREO offices located on the seventh floor of the Haggerty building at 10:00 on Friday. Video interviews have been conducted with Kitty Brown, Tom Olson, John Orfitelli, and Neil Larsen. Additional interviews are being arranged for Dave Gilmour, Kathleen Interrante, Susan Zimet, Josh Simons, and Bill Rhodes. Josh Simons has completed three music arrangements for guitar as background to the narration.

***The development team including Josh Simons and three undergraduate students are planning to attend our next meeting in July to meet the Commission and hopefully provide a preview of the video.***

**4. Mohonk Project:** Leah Manders agreed to contact Emily Westgate, a freelance researcher under John Thompson, who is studying histories of the four farms, a house, and the Testimonial Gatehouse to determine how the farms were originally incorporated by the Smiley family. Leah was planning to work with Emily and incorporate data she collected into our On-Line Map. Since Leah is leaving at the end of August, she agreed to obtain as much information as possible about the project and provide the Commission with contact numbers and e-mails in order that the Commission could follow-up with Ms Westgate and John Thompson.

**5. Review/Approve Minutes from April and May:** The April and May minutes were reviewed by the Commission. Motions to approve both April and May minutes as amended were made by Kathleen Interrante and seconded by Leah Manders. Motions passed.

## **6. Open Discussion Items:**

- The Interactive On-line Map can serve the community in many ways. The Commission discussed exploring a 2013 grant aimed at development of a history curriculum for our local schools which would utilize the On-Line Map as a resource.
- Dave Gilmour offered to testify on behalf of the value in education provided by the Hudson River Valley Greenway which is up for re-authorization.
- Caryn Sobel shared her interest in joining as a Commissioner in September replacing Leah Manders who will be leaving at the end of August. Caryn completed GIS training and will take cartography in the fall. She has studied Urban Planning with Jo Mano at SUNY NP and is presenting a paper on Warwick's Community Preservation Plan (focusing on the farmland PDR/TDR program) at the Northeast Regional meeting of the Association of American Geographers in November. John Orfitelli will follow-up with Caryn to obtain a brief resume and submit a her nomination to the Town Board.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave Gilmour, seconded by Kathleen Interrante. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:50.