

**Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Monday June 1st 7:30PM - 9:30PM at the Town Hall**

Attendees: Town HPC Commissioners John Orfitelli, David Gilmour, Kathleen Interrante, and Helen Christie. Also attending were Town Board Liaison, Kitty Brown, P.J.Pruess from Historic Huguenot Street and Teresa Sullivan.

Agenda

- 1) Public Comment
- 2) Nomination for Landmark Designation of the South Putt Corners Burial Ground
- 3) Review/Approve Minutes from the May meeting
- 4) Updates from Prior Meetings
- 5) New Business

Minutes

Meeting opened for public comment at 7:34PM with a motion from Helen Christie and seconded by Kathleen Interrante.

Teresa Sullivan presented a Nomination for Landmark Designation of her home at 216 Old Kingston Road . Since Teresa had used the older nomination form, John Orfitelli agreed to transcribe the data onto the current form, scan the recent photos provided by Teresa, and distribute the complete Nomination package via e-mail (PDF file) to the Commission for review prior to our next meeting. It is expected that the Commission will formally review and discuss the nomination on July 6th.

No other public comment was received and the Commission proceeded with the public hearing regarding the Nomination for Landmark Designation of the South Putt Corners Burial Ground submitted by P.J. Pruess of Historic Huguenot Street .

2) Public Hearing for the Nomination for Landmark Designation of the South Putt Corners Burial Ground: Opened at 8:00 PM.

The Commission reviewed the nomination submitted by P.J. Pruess of Historic Huguenot Street. Additional materials to be added to the nomination that were provided at the meeting included:

- a) Correspondence from 1898 and 1899 related to the burial ground parcel. The short letter submitted by Katherine Interrante documents charges for repairs made in 1898 and the transfer of ownership to D.Rose on September 28, 1899. The original letter is located in the Elting Library archives.
- b) An aerial imagery map submitted by P.J.Pruess from the NYS GIS clearing house shows the parcel and it's proximity to surrounding properties and structures.

c) Dave Gilmour submitted 28 photos of the current site that serves to bench mark the current condition of the burial site and grave markers.

PJ Pruess stated that he was not aware of any photographic evidence of the cemetery design and landscaping from the past. Dave Gilmour reported that the current condition of the site is not good. HHS has been responsible for maintenance (110 years), however, funding is quite limited and therefore maintenance for cemeteries is only done seasonally.

The owner of the proposed Hampton Inn to be located adjacent to the cemetery has offered to enhance the property if their project is approved. Enhancements offered included repair of the stone wall, addition of a berm to separate the property, retaining walls, shrubs and trees, and area lighting. In addition, the Commission will request an historically accurate gate be added from N.Putt.

The Commission agreed that the nomination was complete and no further discussion was necessary. A motion to approve was made by Dave Gilmour and seconded by Helen Christie. The designation nomination for the South Putt Corner Burial Ground was approved unanimously.

Review of the notifications page exposed the fact that while a public hearing notice had been publish in the local newspaper, a formal notification directed to the abutter's of the property had not been made. Dave Gilmour agreed to check with the Town attorney regarding the procedure for abutter notification.

3) Updates: Process to Advance Ohioville Area Study A lunch meeting was held in May with Fawn Tantillo and Kit French who are both residents of Ohioville along with Dave Gilmour and Tom Olsen (Chair of the Village HPC) to discuss what a National Register Nomination means and how they feel about proceeding to promote the nomination -or- perhaps having the Commission simply designate Ohioville as an Historic District.

Both Fawn and Kit were relived to learn about the role of the Commission and the positive impact a designation would have on their properties and community. Fawn suggested holding an Ohioville Recognition day to share the historical records gathered by the Commission and promote the move to designate Ohioville as a historic district.

Based on SHPO feedback regarding the National Register Nomination, the Commission agreed to focus it's energy on creating an historic district for Ohioville rather than purse submission to the National Register.

The National Register Nomination material created by Neil Larsen will need to be re-packaged for submission in a Historic District nomination document. Kathleen Interrante suggested photos be placed in close proximity to relevant text to make the narrative easier to follow.

4) Review/Approve Minutes from the May Meeting

The Commission reviewed the meeting minutes from the May meeting. Motion to approve was made by Kathleen Interrante and seconded by Helen Christie. Commission approved the minutes. A copy of the approved meeting minutes will be placed in the HPC file.

5) New Business: None

A motion to close the public hearing and adjourn the meeting was made by Helen Christie and seconded by Dave Gilmour. Meeting adjourned at 9:30.