

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

### **Wednesday May 15th 2013 7:30PM - 9:30PM at the Town Hall**

Commissioners attending: John Orfitelli (Chair), Helen Christie (Vice Chair), Caryn Sobel, Stephen Warren, and Dave Gilmour.

#### **Agenda**

1. Public Comment
2. 2012 Photo Morphing Grant
3. Town Site and HPC Map: Hacker Impact and Cost for Restoration
4. Mohonk Project: Gatehouse Designation Material
5. Review/Approve Minutes from April 24<sup>th</sup> Map Site

#### **Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by motion from Caryn Sobel and seconded by Steve Warren. Motion carried.

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

**2. 2012 Photo Morphing Grant:** Josh Simons, CRREO Project Manager, provided a pilot transformation (swf file) as a demonstration to the Commission of how the images will appear. The 'then and now' photos of the Van Den Burg building on the SUNY campus (at <http://transfer.10nix.com/VDB.swf>) was reviewed by the Commission. Additional reference photos obtained from the Haviland-Heidgerd Historical Collection at the Elting Memorial Library along with those used by the Village HPC in completing their recent research on several properties within the Village Historic District will be digitized and provided to Josh for Casey to photograph and process.

**3. Town Site and HPC Map: Hacker Impact and Cost for Restoration Map Site:** John Orfitelli reported to the Commission that the recent hack into both the Town's site and the HPC map site created a significant impact to the server provider, netEffx. The hacker managed to penetrate the Town and HPC servers and exploit the code to relay Spam e-mail. The spike in server activity due to Spam e-mails was visible to NetEffx who immediately shut down both servers to stop the transmissions.

It was determined that the old level of Joomla code used to create both the Town and HPC sites made them susceptible to attack. The Town Board recently decided to create a new site from Virtual Towns & Schools who will also host the new site. John Orfitelli recommended continuing to use netEffx for the HPC site who will charge \$10 per month for hosting services.

John Orfitelli explained that in order to restore the HPC application site, the damage to the code created by the hacker needs to be fixed by netEffx and the code moved to a clean server. The estimated cost for this work (\$400) was presented to the Commission for approval. A motion to approve expending up to \$400 to complete the repairs was made by Caryn Sobel, seconded by Steve Warren. Motion carried with approval from all except Dave Gilmour.

An e-mail from Greg Correll, former WebMaster for the Town, was read by John Orfitelli. In the e-mail, Greg Correll, accuses the Town HPC with gross negligence by not implementing upgrades to the Joomla code which, in turn, created the exposure and attack that lead to the server being disabled netEffx and subsequent impact to his business. John Orfitelli did not respond to Greg Correll and forwarded the e-mail to the Town attorney, Joe Moriello, for review/comment.

**4. Mohonk Project: Gatehouse Designation Material:** Caryn Sobel and John Orfitelli attended a presentation by the Mohonk Preserve on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The presentation provided updates on plans to utilize the property obtained from OSI.

Caryn Sobel provided initial data to the Commission for nomination of the Gatehouse and surrounding 110.15 acre parcel. Helen Christie and Dave Gilmour agreed to check if a digital copy of the map defining the property is available.

The Commission discussed proposals for designating the local roads in the vicinity of the Gatehouse (Gatehouse Road, Woodlot Road, Buttersville Road, and High Pasture Road) as Local Scenic Roads thereby allowing for lower speed limits and signage aimed at mitigating parking issues which are becoming problematic.

According to Caryn Sobel, Glenn Hoagland is fully aware of the parking issue and supports the idea for establishing Local Scenic Road designations. In fact, the Mohonk Preserve plans involve creating a parking area off Rt 299 (target completion within 15 to 18 months) to address the parking issue and access to the Gatehouse.

Since the current local law does not cover designation of roads as Local Scenic Roadways, the Commission will need to obtain model language and propose changes to the current law for review and approval by the Town Board.

**5. Review/Approve Minutes from April 24<sup>th</sup>:** Dave Gilmour requested the following change: '*Dave Gilmour requested that Caryn obtain more details regarding the history of the carriage road surface.*' A motion to approve minutes from our meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> as amended was made by Caryn Sobel and seconded by Helen Christie. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Caryn Sobel and seconded by Helen Christie. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:45.