

**Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
Monday November 2nd 7:30PM - 9:30PM at the Town Hall**

Attendees: Town HPC Commissioners John Orfitelli, Helen Christie, Kathleen Interrante, along with our Town Historian, Al Marks and Town Board Liaison, Kitty Brown.

Also in attendance from the public was Geraldine Buck who is nominating her property for landmark designation.

**Agenda**

- 1) Public Comment
- 2) Landmark Designation Nomination from Geraldine Buck
- 3) Review of Draft Decision for Designation of N.Putt Cemetery
- 4) Overview/Status of the GIS Mapping Grant
- 5) Review/Approval of Minutes from July and September Meetings

**Minutes**

Meeting opened for public comment at 7:30PM with a motion from Helen Christie and seconded by Kathleen Interrante.

**1) Public Comment**

No public comments were received.

**2) Landmark Designation Nomination from Geraldine Buck**

The Commission reviewed the nomination and supporting material submitted by Geraldine Buck for landmark designation of her property at 46 Libertyville Road. The material provided by Geraldine was scanned and distributed by John Orfitelli via several e-mails to the Commission prior to the meeting. However, due to the size and complexity of the e-mail distribution, a 48 page hard copy was also supplied to the Commission at the meeting to facilitate the review.

Members of the Commission along with Al Marks and Kitty Brown were very impressed and pleased to receive such an outstanding compilation of articles, photos, and personal notes that documents the history of the estate. The 600 acre farm was inherited by Mrs Smede Deyo and sold to John Arbuckle in 1905 who created a summer camp for children from NY City to experience the fresh air, locally grown produce, and cool quiet nights. Articles and photos of John Arbuckle the entrepreneur, inventor, and humanitarian provide an intriguing look into his work and legacy.

Several suggestions aimed at improving the quality of her nomination package were presented to Geraldine, namely,

- a) Repair references where text is discontinuous or missing.
- b) Re-assemble the articles and photos along a contiguous time line.
- c) Create a word narrative that ties together key events and corresponding records.
- d) Integrate the articles and photos into the narrative.

Kathleen Interrante agreed to work with Geraldine to help organize the material using Microsoft Word which has the capability to easily integrate photos and text.

John Orfitelli briefly outlined the designation process once the Commission receives and approves the revised nomination package. Letters to adjacent property owners along with a sign posted on the property will be used to notify the public that the Commission is considering landmark designation and date/time of the public hearing. Once the hearing is held and the Commission votes to landmark the property, the package will be filed with the Ulster County Clerk.

Finally, Geraldine invited the Commission to visit her home to examine first hand the marvelous workmanship and attention to detail by architect Elting D. Deyo in 1840.

### **3) Review of Draft Decision for Designation of N.Putt Cemetery**

The Commission reviewed the draft decision prepared by Dave Gilmour of the designation of N.Putt Cemetery. Two minor typos were noted and submitted to Dave Gilmour for the final copy that will be presented at our next meeting in December. No additional input from the public had been received. A motion to extend the public hearing was made by John Orfitelli and seconded by Helen Christie, all present voted in favor, motion to extend the public hearing carried. A motion to approve the draft decision as amended was presented by Kathleen Interrante and seconded by Helen Christie. All members present voted to approve. The motion carried.

### **4) Overview of the GIS Mapping Grant**

John Orfitelli provided an update on the CLG 2010 grant proposal submitted to SHPO in July and documented in numerous e-mails.

#### **GIS Mapping Project At-a-Glance**

- > Project Builds on Prior SHPO Grant Work
  - Utilizes location data with accompanying histories that have been compiled over several years in two prior joint Town-Village grants.
  - Provides documentation describing project and process for other groups to use.
- > Developer: Center for Research, Regional Education, and Outreach (CRREO) at SUNY New Paltz.
  - Project Manager, Josh Simons
  - Involves several undergraduate students and computer resources at SUNY.
  - Timeframe: Spring Semester 2010

- > Plan Incorporates Data for both the Village and Town which is already available in a form that can be easily compiled.
  - A common set of code will be created to facilitate data entry.
- > Total project expense: \$19,673.
  - SHPO - CLG split is 67% - 33%
  - SHPO returns \$13,181.
  - CLG to match with \$6,492.
- > Town Board authorized HPC to Proceed with Grant
  - Town HPC to use 2009 and 2010 budget to cover match
  - Town Board authorized the Town HPC to serve a lead CLG.

John Orfitelli invited Josh Simons from CRREO to present an overview of the grant proposal to the Village HPC at their meeting scheduled for Monday November 16th. Members of the Town HPC were also encouraged to attend and meet Josh as well. Grant approval from SHPO is expected by early December.

### **5) Review/Approval of Minutes from July and September Meetings**

Minutes from meetings held in July and September were reviewed by the Commission. A motion to approve was made by Kathleen Interrante and seconded by Helen Christie. Members voted to approve minutes.

### **Other**

- Keys to the HPC office space located in the new Town Community Center were given to Kathleen Interrante, Helen Christie, and Al Marks. All HPC files were moved from the Town Hall to this bright and clean office which has a table and four chairs to facilitate meetings or review of HPC records.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Helen Christie and seconded by John Orfitelli. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.