

**Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Monday November 3rd 2008 7:30PM - 9:30PM at the Town Hall**

Attendees: Town HPC Commissioners John Orfitelli, Dave Gilmour, Helen Christie, and Rita Toohey, along with Town Board Liason, Kitty Brown.

Agenda

- 1) Review/Approve Minutes from the October meeting
- 2) Meeting Follow-ups from Prior Meetings
- 3) New Business

Minutes

Meeting started at 7:30, opening for public comment. No public comment was received.

1) Review/Approve Minutes from the October Meeting

The Commission reviewed meeting minutes from the October meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as amended (see Hampton Inn item below) was presented by Dave Gilmour and seconded by Helen Christie. Motion carried.

2) Follow-ups from Prior Meetings

a) Mohonk Gate House Entrance Changes

Dave Gilmour agreed to follow-up with Lynn Garofalini to review correspondence and obtain clarification regarding the position by SHPO that was provided to the Town Board.

b) Hampton Inn

The Commission discussed recent updates to the Hampton Inn project provided to John Orfitelli by owner Jay Madwadaya. Specifically, the building orientation has been adjusted 180 degrees i.e. the front entrance now faces south and main entrance will be from S.Putt at roughly the prior entrance location of the Frito Lay facility. Building height remains the primary issue for the developers. A formal hearing with the ZBA is planned for November 17th at which the Hampton Inn development team will present supporting data and related material including building renderings integrated with various photo views. These elaborate images are intended to show the impact of the building height in context with the surrounding area. The Commission agreed to the following modifications to the October minutes to highlight that the HPC was not insisting or creating the need for the additional height based on a pitched roof: "*Although the additional roof height was in response to architectural changes aimed at providing a design compatible with local historic styles, **the Commission is not promoting or advocating that the ZBA grant a height variance.***" John Orfitelli briefed the ZBA on the Commission's review of this potential project. The Commission provided a non-binding review at the request of the applicant."

Landmark designation of the cemetery adjacent to the proposed Hampton Inn remains a high priority with the Commission. Dave Gilmour agreed to contact Eric Roth to highlight the need for completion of the designation application and to provide via e-mail if possible rather than wait to review at a Commission meeting.

c) Dave Gilmour provided an overview of the CLG Law Change Recommendations. The Commission is expected to review the material provided by Dave for detailed discussion at our next meeting in December.

The current law is contained within the Town zoning law which in itself is unusual and may need to be changed as part of the Master Plan upgrade. Recommended changes focus on conflict resolution and standards for review.

d) Other

- Dave Gilmour attended a meeting with Liberty Historical Society.
- John Orfitelli and Rite Toohey reviewed the HPC website and noticed content has been removed. John to follow up with the web site programmers to determine if the content can be restored. Rita agreed to help with web site content management.
- A discussion with Julian Adams regarding CLG education and our law changes originally planned for our November meeting was moved to December. It was suggested that neighboring communities could be contacted regarding interest in participating in a one or two day workshop offered through the National Alliance of Preservation Commission's [Community Assistance and Mentoring Program \(CAMP\)](#).

3) New Business

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.