

Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday October 18th 2017 7:00PM - 9:00PM in the Community Center

Commissioners attending: John Orfitelli (Chair), Caryn Sobel (Vice Chair), Susan DeMark, Dawn Elliot and Kate Brozowska.

Also Attending: Nancy Forrest, Gloede Neon Signs, Representing KSB Holdings and Riverside Bank

Agenda

- 1. Public Comment**
- 2. Review/Approve September Minutes**
- 3. CoA Application from KSB Holdings LLC (Riverside Bank)**
- 4. Historic Landmark Signage**
 - a) Road Side Marker
 - b) Interpretive Plaque
- 5. Incentives for Historic Presentation**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm with a motion from Caryn Sobel and seconded by Kate Brozowska. Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

- 1. Public Comment:** No public comments were received. Since Stacy Delarede was not able to attend, the topic of Public Hearing Guidelines will be discussed at a future meeting.
- 2. Review/Approve September Minutes** Motion to approve minutes from our meeting on September 20th was made by Susan DeMark, seconded by Caryn Sobel. Motion passed. John Orfitelli agreed to post a pdf version with active links (once converted by Caryn Sobel from .doc file).
- 3. CoA for Riverside Bank (Lent House):** Nancy Forrest from Gloede Neon Signs presented the [CoA application from KSB Holdings and Riverside Bank](#). Nancy will be representing KSB Holdings throughout the CoA process. Nancy described the signage and in particular the LED lighting that will be used. John Orfitelli provided the following Time Line for completing the CoA process which includes holding a public hearing at our next meeting in November.

CoA for KSD Holdings LLC Regarding Signage at Riverside Bank

Time Line

Application Received and Initial Review	10/18/17
Public Hearing Noticed Submitted to NP Times	10/26/17
Public Hearing Notice Published in NP Times	11/2/17
Public Hearing	11/15/17
CoA Modified to Reflect Any Changes	11/29/17
Commission Votes on Disposition	12/20/17
CoA Recorded and Submitted to Building Inspector	12/21/17

4. Historic Landmark Signage

a) Road Side Marker:

- **Funding:** John Orfitelli contacted Hampton Inn Owner, Jay Modhwadiya to review the design and price for a two sided road marker along with an interpretive plaque for display at the Put Corners Cemetery. Mr. Modhwadiya most generously agreed to cover the total expense of \$3,950 for the road side market and interpretive plaque. In addition, he graciously offered to hold an event at the hotel with the Commission, Historic Huguenot Street, the New Paltz Times, and folks from the community to celebrate the installation of the marker and plaque along with restoration of the stone wall.

Mr. Modhwadiya responded to our emails thanking him for his outstanding commitment:

I do appreciate each and every one of you helping us and giving us the opportunity to participate in the Hotel project. We look forward to working with you all and the community to serve the best experience for each and every guest staying with us. Please feel free to reach out to us in any event we can help. Thank you all.

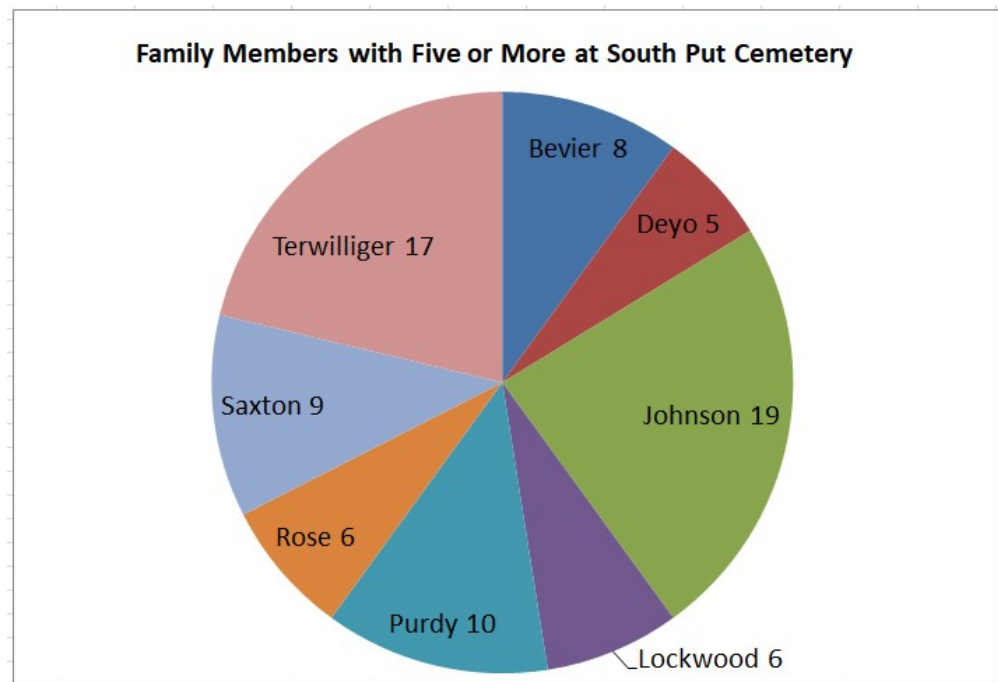
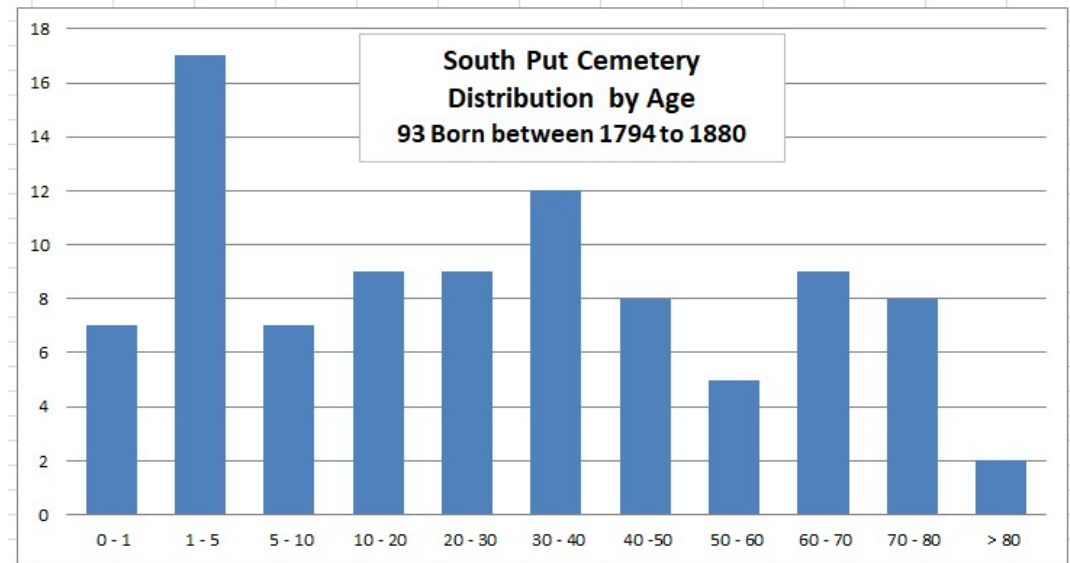
John Orfitelli submitted the check from Mr. Modhwadiya to the Town Bookkeeper, Arlene Weber, for deposit into the HPC account. As required by The Town Procurement Policy, for purchases greater than \$1,000, John provided Arlene with estimates from three vendors to support our choice of lowest cost provider, namely, Catskill Castings. Three similar cases for a single sided 24x36 road side marker include: Catskill Castings: \$1,669, Sewah Studios: \$1,850, and Centec \$1,771. In addition, John provided Arlene with the letter from Mr. Modhwadiya dated December 2009 in which Mr. Modhwadiya agreed to provide signage for the cemetery to be approved by the Commission.

Once reviewed and approved by the Town Board, a voucher will be created and John Orfitelli will submit a purchase order to Catskill Castings. The custom order is expected to take 10-12 weeks.

- **Final Design:** The following final design reflects slight changes to prior artwork along with changes to the text:



- Cemetery Data:** John Orfitelli completed the transfer of data records from *Old Gravestones of Ulster County*, collected and edited by J.Wilson Poucher and Byron J. Terwilliger, 1931, to an Excel spreadsheet for use in analyzing the birth dates and ages for those buried at the site. The following two charts were created from the data and provide an excellent overview:



b) Interpretive Plaque Design: Dawn Elliott presented the following images from the Dorsky Collection to use as a background graphic.



The Commission decided to use the bottom left image and Dawn agreed to obtain permission for use along with a high resolution file that will be provided to Matt Maley. Kate Brozowska will share her ideas with Matt for utilizing the image as a background.

The commission discussed the overall organization of the content that will be presented on the plaque, as well as, available in other media including the HPC Web Site, QR Codes, and through the [augmented reality app Aurasma](#)).

Susan DeMark agreed to coordinate collection of all materials which were grouped into the following categories:

- Local Historic Context
- Cultural History
- Family Histories and Images

Susan will interface with Matt Maley on the project and provide materials as they become available.

Dawn Elliott agreed to utilize Ancestry.com along with the names and dates in the spreadsheet record to search for family photos or other related information.

Caryn Sobel agreed to continue her research with the Deyo archives, visit Carol Johnson at the Library, check with HHS, and contact our Town historian Susan Stessin-Cohn to discuss other resources.

Kate Brozowska agreed to check with [Luminary Media Publishing](#) for related materials. Kate also can provide resources to have a mounting platform built to hold the plaque.

Jay Modhwadiya stated that there have been a significant number of visitors to the cemetery. Caryn Sobel suggested a brochure be created for use at the hotel to provide visitors with an

overview of the cemetery and guide to the information available. Kate Brozowska agreed to create a tri-fold using materials from our research.

4. **Incentives for Historic Preservation:** John Orfitelli reached out to Town Attorney, Joe Moriello, to arrange a conference call with the Commission to discuss how the Town could implement a fee on Real Estate transactions that would be used to support Historic Preservation. Unfortunately, Joe has not yet responded to our request. This item will be deferred to our next meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Caryn Sobel and seconded by Kate Brozowska. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, November 15th 2017.