

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

Attendees: Town HPC Commissioners Mary Ann Colopy, Dave Gilmour, John Orfitelli, and Helen Christie. Also attending briefly was Kitty Brown, Town Board Liaison, and Consultant Neil Larsen of Larsen Fisher Associates.

Agenda

1) Follow-ups from Prior Meetings

- National Register Nomination of Historic Places Nomination for the Ohioville District
- Presentation of the Intensive Level Survey by Neil Larsen to the Town and Village Boards

2) Review/Approve Minutes from the September Meeting

3) New Business

Minutes

Meeting started at 7:35.

1) Follow-ups from Prior Meetings

National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Ohioville Hamlet

The hamlet of Ohioville along with several other districts were identified by Neil Larsen as candidates for nomination in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the reconnaissance level survey completed in 2004. The 19th century crossroads Hamlet of Ohioville was later recommended by Neil for inclusion in a joint Town-Village grant sponsored by the State Historic Preservation Organization to nominate one Town and one Village area considered historically significant with the State Department of Interior National Parks Service. Two copies of the nomination form were delivered to the Commission on September 30, 2007 and reviewed at this meeting. The revised letter of agreement and invoice along with the completed registration form are attached to these minutes.

Discussion:

Neil Larsen has submitted the registration form to Lynn Garofalini who is our regional representative at the State Historic Preservation Office and responsible for reviewing and approving our nomination for submission to the National Park Service. The review and approval process is expected to take several months. Neil's opinion is that the Ohioville nomination is very likely to be approved. Once approval is received from Lynn Garofalin, the nomination is presented at the quarterly state review meeting. The Commissioners agreed that the process for building awareness of Ohioville's historical significance, as well as, public education of how a National Registration can affect changes within the community will take a great deal of the Commission's time and resource. Therefore, a likely target for presentation to the National Parks Service would be no earlier than the 4th quarter 2008.

Public outreach is a critical component to any initiative impacting the community. This Commission is highly sensitive to matters that may adversely impact property owners, therefore, it will be important for the

Commission to spend time within the community to educate and build a relationship of trust. Over the next several meetings, the commission will discuss ideas for completing this process.

Mary Ann Colopy agreed to contact Carol Johnson to discuss additional material including personal stories involving individuals and tradesman from the time Ohioville was truly a major crossroad. Also, Mary Ann will explore various themes such as the relevance of transportation in and around Ohioville then and now.

Dave Gilmour stated that developing guidelines for the Commission to use in the future would be beneficial.

John Orfitelli will contact Thomas Olsen, Chair of the Village HPC, to discuss submission of a joint grant report to Julian Adams as part of the requirement for completing the grant and receiving reimbursement from SHPO.

Motion to approve submission of a voucher for payment of the invoice from Neil Larson (see attachment) was made by David Gilmour and seconded by Helen Christie. Motion Carried.

Presentation of the Intensive Level Survey by Neil Larsen to the Town and Village

The date for presentation by Neil to the Town Board has been set for November 15th. John Orfitelli will contact Toni Hokanson to request that the presentation be added to the agenda and also contact Thomas Olsen who agreed to invite the Village Board to attend the meeting. The presentation will be limited to 15 minutes and describe the work completed by Neil as part of the joint Town-Village SHPO Grant involving an Intensive Level Survey of historic properties completed earlier this year.

2. Review/Approve Minutes from the September Meeting

Motion to approve minutes was presented by Dave Gilmour and seconded by Helen Christie, Motion carried.

3. New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Referenced attachments are on file with these minutes in the HPC records at the Town Hall.