

**Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
Monday September 15th 2008 7:30PM - 9:30PM at the Town Hall**

Attendees: Town HPC Commissioners John Orfitelli, Dave Gilmour, Helen Christie, and (newly sworn in) Kathleen Interrante.

**Agenda**

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

**Minutes**

Meeting started at 7:40, opening for public comment. No public comment was received.

**1) Review/Approve Minutes from the May Meeting**

The Commission reviewed meeting minutes from the August meeting. A number of changes were discussed and some follow-up was required. A motion to table approval for the next meeting on 10/6 was presented by Dave Gilmour and seconded by Helen Cristie. 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 Proposal**

The Commission discussed specific concerns regarding the overall building, and in particular, the cemetery that borders the proposed building site. The Commission agreed that designating the cemetery as an Historic Landmark would be an important first step in protecting the area. John Orfitelli agreed to contact Eric Roth, Executive Director of Historic Huguenot Street, to share our proposal for land-marking the cemetery and if accepted, provide a Landmark Designation Application for completion and review at our meeting in October or November.

The Commission is eager to work with Eric and his team to sort through what could be done in the way of landscaping that would help to buffer the cemetery from people, children, and their pets staying at the Inn.

c) The Commission reviewed the new Landmark Designation form and provided additional updates. The new form will serve to clarify the process and provide sources for research materials.

d) CLG Law Changes were presented by Dave Gilmour. The proposed changes include a number significant additions aimed at clarifying and enhancing the role and responsibility of the Historic Preservation Commission and it's relationship to the Town and Planning Boards. Dave referenced material provided by the Preservation League of New York including the Model Local Historic Preservation Ordinance/Local Law and Elements of a Local Landmarks Ordinance. Members of the Commission will review the eleven page report for discussion at a future meeting.

**3) New Business**

a) A draft budget for 2009 was presented by John Orfitelli and modified by the Commission. An updated summary from that discussion is attached.

b) The Commission reviewed modification to set backs and access to the Jewett Farm. Dave agreed to send a response to the owners outlining our concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40.