

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday September 6th 7:00PM - 9:00PM at the Town Hall.

Attendees: Town HPC Commissioners Dave Gilmore, Mary Ann Colopy, and John Orfitelli. New Paltz High School students taking Participation in Government: Emilio, Shoshannah, Mike, and Dominic.

Agenda

Review/Approve Minutes from August Meeting

Follow-ups

- Blake House Visit: John
- cursory review of Floyd Paterson Farm: Dave
- Review of recon survey with Neil Larsen
- Draft Budget for 2007

New Business

Minutes

Review/Approve Minutes from August Meeting

- The August 7th meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted as amended.

Follow-ups

- **Blake House Site Visit:** No change in status from August meeting.

Action: John to arrange visit to meet with owner, Rowley, and tour property and in particular the barn which has been rebuilt. May be accompanied by Mary Ann if available.

- **Cursory review of Floyd Paterson Farm for possible designation**

Action: Dave to provide summary for publication in future minutes.

- **Review of recon survey with Neil Larsen**

Action: Neil agreed to provide the HPC with an initial draft of the final work product on 9/15.

9/13 Update: Neil will be delivering draft on Friday.. also, requested copy via e-mail.

Action: John agreed to review the grant and contract to determine the impact on funding of the project deadline.

9/13 Update: Documents under review.

Action: Kitty agreed to follow-up with Joe Diamond at SUNY to obtain clarification re: whether Part of the Phase I architectural survey required by the developer does involve Historic Architectures.

Status: Kitty was not present. Item to be carried over to next meeting.

- Budget Input for 2007

Action: John to provide draft input for review with HPC team and submit to Town Supervisor.

Status: Draft plan was submitted to Town Supervisor as requested on 8/15. The draft plan which was reviewed and amended at this meeting is shown below (also includes additional changes made on 9/14):

Expenses	2006	2007	2008	2009
Contractual				
Conference/Seminars	\$100	\$250	\$250	\$250
Travel Expenses	\$25	\$100	\$100	\$100
Professional Consultants	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Office Supplies	\$148	\$200	\$200	\$200
Printing/Mailing	\$357	\$700	\$700	\$700
Subscriptions	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100
Services: Secretary	\$366	\$50	\$50	\$50
Services: Graphic Design	\$0	\$900	\$900	\$900
Community Education Event	\$0	\$400	\$400	\$400
Subtotal	\$996	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$4,200
Special Items (Town portion of CLG Grants)				
Intensive Level Survey				
Phase 1 (note 1)	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Phase 2	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Phase 3	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Phase 4	\$2,152	\$0	\$0	\$0
Historic Preservation Seminar	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
Nat Reg Hist Dist Nom (note 2)	\$0	\$4,063	\$0	\$0
HP Pub Ed/Web Site Grant			\$5,000	\$0
HP Community Outreach			\$5,000	\$0
HP Future				\$10,000
Subtotal	\$13,152	\$9,063	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total Expenses	\$14,148	\$13,263	\$14,200	\$14,200
Revenue				
Int Lev Grant Recovery (note 3)	\$0	\$7,891	\$0	\$0
HP Seminar Grant Recovery (note 4)	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
Nat Reg Nom Hist Dist Recovery (5)	\$0	\$0	\$2,438	\$0

HP Pub Ed/Web Site Grant Recovery	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
HP Community Outreach Recovery	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$7,891	\$5,438	\$6,000
Revenue less Expense	(\$14,148)	(\$5,371)	(\$8,763)	(\$8,200)
Budget	\$11,152	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Net Surplus/Shortfall	(\$2,996)	\$4,629	\$1,238	\$1,800

Notes

- (1) Phase 1 was budgeted for 2005, however, work was not completed and invoiced until 2/2006
- (2) National Registry Grant split 25% Town - 75% Village
- (3) Recovery of Intensive Level Survey (60%) is anticipated for 2Q2007
- (4) Recovery of HP Seminar Grant (60%) is anticipated for 1Q2008
- (5) Recovery of National Registry of Historic Districts (60%) is anticipated for 1H2008

- Public Education and Awareness

Action: Rickie agreed to draft a proposal for creating an "I remember..." exhibit to share with the team. Since the Taste of New Paltz is scheduled for 9/17, an interim work session including both the Village and Town HPC's will be used to discuss in more detail.

Status: The following draft proposal outline was provided by Rickie was distributed to Town and Village HPCs:

New Paltz History and Memory Project

The Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission will work on a public education project designed to stimulate memories and appreciation of the historic character of the Town of New Paltz – and its fragility – among the residents of New Paltz.

The outreach project will be entitled, "I Remember When . . . "

The activities will include:

1. Set up and staff a table at the Taste of New Paltz, September 17, 2006
 - a. To distribute a flyer about the work of Historic Commission
 - b. To ask people to write, on the spot, a one-paragraph, reminiscence entitled, "I Remember When.." describing something about the built-environment of New Paltz in earlier days, now gone or transformed.

PREPARATION

- a. Make a large display poster entitled "I Remember When . . . " Decorate the display poster with

postcard images from Dennis O'Keefe's collection (I've talked to Dennis and arranged for the two of us to make color copies of whichever postcards we choose.)

b. Prepare HPC public education flyer – mission statement, invitation to meetings, our projected work, etc.

Include several sentences about the “I Remember When. . .” project – how the paragraphs will be used:

e.g., in the NP Times, at HPC public meetings, on permanent display at Town Hall, as the basis for a community-oriented pamphlet about the importance of historic preservation, other ideas.

c. Get materials necessary for paragraph-writing: clipboards, paper, pens; also chairs.

d. Make arrangements for HPC to have a table at “The Taste of NP” event.

e. Talk to Erin Quinn about the project; encourage her to write an article for the NP Times about the project and its various projected outcomes, as a public education effort (one of several) on the part of the new TNPHPC.

2. Consider, after “The Taste of New Paltz” event if it's necessary to table at another community event (possibilities? outside polling places in November? At a high school event where parents attend? In ShopRite (Stop n Shop) parking lot? to get more reminiscences.

3. Hold a HPC meeting, widely advertised, at which “I Remember When . . .” writers are invited to read their pieces to the assembled.

4. Talk to Erin Quinn about the possibility of having a once-monthly (?) “I Remember When . . .” piece in the NPT.

Status (cont'd)

A joint Town/Village HPC meeting was held on 8/31 to discuss the proposal. Attendees included John Orfitelli, Maryann Colopy, and Rickie Solinger. None of the Village HPC attended. Several unknowns required follow-up from the meeting to determine viability for the Taste of New Paltz venue. Of particular concern was

the availability of volunteers to staff the event along with the cost and availability of space at the Taste of New

Paltz. In subsequent discussions with Bill Schnitzer, it was determined that none of the Village HPC would be able to attend. Also, it was determined that the cost for a space is \$190 and all have been sold.

Feedback regarding this proposal for advancing public education and awareness was positive. Some questioned the Taste of New Paltz as the best venue. Also, this activity has been viewed as similar to what the NP Historical Society has undertaken recently in securing narratives from long time natives.

Efforts will be directed toward establishing a set of venues for this event and partnering with other organizations, such as the NP Historical Society, to optimize our resources and time. Some ideas include:

- Using porch space at the Huguenot House to set up a booth during the Church Craft Fair
- Setting up a booth at the SUNY and Town Libraries.. an interactive display with a book for visitors to submit comments.

- Others: **Dave** agreed to solicit ideas from the school Superintendent, Maria.

New Business

- **Meeting with Julian Adams:** Julian has tentatively agreed to attend our November meeting. Several items for discussion will be provided in advance to facilitate our meeting. Topics collected so far include:
 - SHPO Priorities regarding Historic Designation Process vs Product.
 - Importance to SHPO of Architectural Class vs Geographic Criteria for Stone House Designations.
 - CLG Certification Process/Application
 - CLG Grant Funding Priorities for 2009
- **Mid-Hudson Conference:** Preservation Under Pressure, presented by the [Preservation League of New York](#) State and co-sponsored by the Hudson River Heritage & The National Trust for Historic Preservation. To be held on October 28th (must register by 10/10) at The Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and the Home of FDR National Historic Site Hyde Park, New York. \$20 registration fee. A conference for the mid-Hudson Valley providing municipal officials, not-for-profit leaders, planners and residents with tools to protect and enhance the Hudson Valley's special character.
- **Paradise Lane and Houses:** Discussed significance of this area and how the commission should consider pursuing a class designation. Need to discuss with planning board and perhaps in a joint session with open space committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.