

Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Wednesday October 19th 2016 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at the Community Center

Commissioners attending: John Orfitelli (Chair), Caryn Sobel, and Susan DeMark.

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. Historic Landmark Signage: South Putt Corners Cemetery
3. Presentation to Town Board: Need for Incentives
4. New Items
5. Review/Approve September Minutes

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:105pm by motion from Caryn Sobel, seconded by Helen Christie, 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. **Historic Landmark Signage at South Putt Corners Cemetery**

The commission discussed information that Susan DeMark and Caryn Sobel gathered concerning roadside historical markers. The group examined information from a number of companies that manufacture historical signs, including CenTec Cast Metal Products of Fremont, OH; Circle C Products of Plymouth, MN.; Sewah Studios of Marietta, OH; and Catskill Castings of Bloomville, NY, and during the meeting looked at information and images at the companies' online sites. We focused particularly on materials, durability, size, appearance, and related factors. (Note: We examined these signs as one category -- roadside historical markers -- as separate from the second type of any interpretative history signs the HPC would seek to install.)

Susan also presented information on roadside historical markets that Clifton Patrick, the Town of Chester (N.Y.) Historian, kindly furnished during a phone conversation and subsequent e-mail to Susan about the signs the town has used. Mr. Patrick provided an example of a recent sign the town installed, which was purchased from Catskill Castings. (He also sent an example of an interpretive sign that a Boy Scout had done as a project for the Town of Chester.)

Content of the email from Clifton Patrick:

The [historic marker in Chester](#) that we discussed was erected in 2004. As you can see in the photo (right) from December of last year the marker, then 11 years old, looks good. It was cast by [Catskill Castings](#). Cost was approx. \$1000/sign.



The (interpretive) markers we discussed were [Alan Held's Eagle Scout project](#). The

four he did, I believe, were made by [FOSSIL Industries](#). The photo (left) was taken last June of the one in Chester.



Caryn noted that the price of the bronze sign from Circle C is \$675 (15in x 18in) plus \$200 for mounting. Eric Landmark Comp has bronze aluminum. The Catskill Castings "Monticello" model was choice of Commission for shape. Caryn agreed to check with Catskill for references and local signs for review by Commission.

After further discussion and Chairman John Orfitelli's recommendations about next steps, the HPC decided to create specs for a durable roadside historical marker of a suitable metal material. Specs will be submitted to 3-4 companies in order to obtain costs and information on the signs for review at a meeting in the near-future. One company for the manufacturing of the markers for the Town of New Paltz will be selected.

Susan agreed to send some draft language, based on the South Putt Corners Burial Ground, to use for the sign specs. We are also continuing the consideration of the interpretive signs for suitable sites, initially the South Putt Corners Burial Ground.

The Commission discussed the need for defining criteria for the type of sites appropriate for historic markers and arrangements with property owners to cover all of part of the expense.

3. **Presentation to Town Board:** John Orfitelli presented an updated version of the Power Point Presentation which incorporated recommendations from our meeting in September. The Commission will discuss next steps for implementation at our next meeting.
4. **New Items:**
 - Susan DeMark found a grant program from the [Pomeroy Foundation](#) that might be applicable for the next cycle in 2017.
5. **Review/Approve Minutes from September 2016:** A motion to approve the meeting [minutes from our meeting in September 2016 as amended](#) was made by Caryn Sobel and seconded by Susan DeMark. Motion carried. John Orfitelli agreed to post the minutes on our site.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 16th at 7:00pm at the Town Community Center.