

Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday November 20th 2019 7:00PM - 9:00PM in the Community Center

Commissioners attending: John Orfitelli (Chair), Susan DeMark, and Matt Maley

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. Review/Approve October Minutes
3. Historic Landmark Preservation Legislation
4. Road Side Markers
5. Social Media for New Paltz Preservation

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm with a motion from Susan DeMark and seconded by Matt Maley. Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. **Public Comment:** No public comments were received.
2. **Review/Approve October Minutes:** The Commission reviewed and approved [minutes from our meeting on October 16th](#) as amended and John Orfitelli agreed to post.
3. **Historic Landmark Preservation Legislation:** A [Community Preservation Fund Workshop](#) organized by The Trust for Public Land and Scenic Hudson was held on November 14th. Neil Bettez, New Paltz Town Supervisor attended. Carli Fraccarolli, Advocacy Associate, Scenic Hudson, Inc., provided this follow up to the workshop:

Hello all,

I want to extend a big thank you to all those who attended the Community Preservation Fund workshop last Thursday. I hope you found the information presented to be useful, and I hope that you are inspired and empowered to go forward to pursue a CPF in your municipality.

Attached to this email you will find PDFs of all the handouts that were on the table at the workshop and referenced in the panel discussions. I have also attached a PDF of the PowerPoint presentations that the panelists used. If you'd like to view further examples of campaign materials from Red Hook, you can find them and the designer's comments here:
<http://www.nydesignlab.com/politics/cpa.shtml>.

As you may have noticed, we filmed the workshop, but we are still discussing the appropriate method of the video's distribution. If you would like to view the video, please let me know.

Additionally, I have created a brief post-event survey to assess how the workshop went for you. Please take some time to fill it out, as we will use this information to help guide us in our efforts to assist you in your future campaigns.

If your community is interested in establishing a CPF, please remember that Scenic Hudson and our partners are here to help. If you'd like to discuss in more detail what we can do to support your local efforts, just let us know.

Finally, if you haven't already expressed support for the Ulster County and Chester Community Preservation Act bills, we encourage you to reach out to Governor Cuomo. The bill numbers are A.00129/S.06235 (Ulster County) and A.07592/S.05640 (Chester). For your reference, I have attached an example letter of support for the two bills, and Scenic Hudson's memo to the legislature regarding the Ulster County CPA.

If you have any further questions, comments, or anything else follow-up related, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,
Carli

Here are the PDFs that were attached to her email:

- [Conservation Advisory Councils Boards Fact Sheet](#)
- [Natural Resource Inventory Fact Sheet](#)
- [Panelist Biographies](#)
- [PLNYS Grant FAQs 2019](#)
- [Panelist Presentations](#)
- [Post-Workshop Readiness Assessment Handout](#)
- [Understanding Your Community's Aq Resources](#)
- [Workshop Agenda](#)
- [Example Letter to Governor Ulster and Chester CPA](#)
- [TPL Conservation Finance Program](#)
- [Scenic Hudson Memo to Legislature Ulster CPA](#)

A workshop has been scheduled for December 12th in the Community room for members of the Environmental Conservation Board, Clean Water and Open Space Preservation Committee, and Historic Preservation Commission to outline the work scope and timeline required to bring this legislation to the public in a referendum slated for the 2020 ballot.

4. **Road Side Markers:** John Orfitelli contacted John Sorlie, Assistant Vice President, and Branch Manager, Riverside Bank to request funding for the Lent House marker. The telecon was documented in a 10/3 email to John Sorlie who has been very positive about our request. John is expecting a response from his management very shortly.
5. **Social Media for New Paltz Preservation:** Dawn Elliott agreed to create a Facebook page for the HPC. Each Commissioner will have admin authority to add material to the page. The use of Facebook and Instagram will prove very important to obtaining support within the community for passage of a referendum in 2020 for the preservation law. John Orfitelli agreed to transform the 'Then and Now' Shockwave files into video format to facilitate viewing in Facebook.
6. **Other:** John Orfitelli provided a [letter of support of the Town of New Paltz application for a New York State Hudson River Greenway Planning Grant](#), November 7, 2019. The Town intends to use the requested funding for the preparation of a revised and updated Open Space Plan, with the goal of guiding and facilitating our continuing efforts to preserve and protect open space resources.

Motion to adjourn was made by Susan DeMark and seconded by Matt Maley. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18th 2019.