

Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Tuesday December 21st 2021 7:00PM – 9:00PM via Zoom

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

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. Review/Approve November Minutes
3. Community Outreach for Historic Preservation
4. CPF Advisory Board Update
5. Other Updates

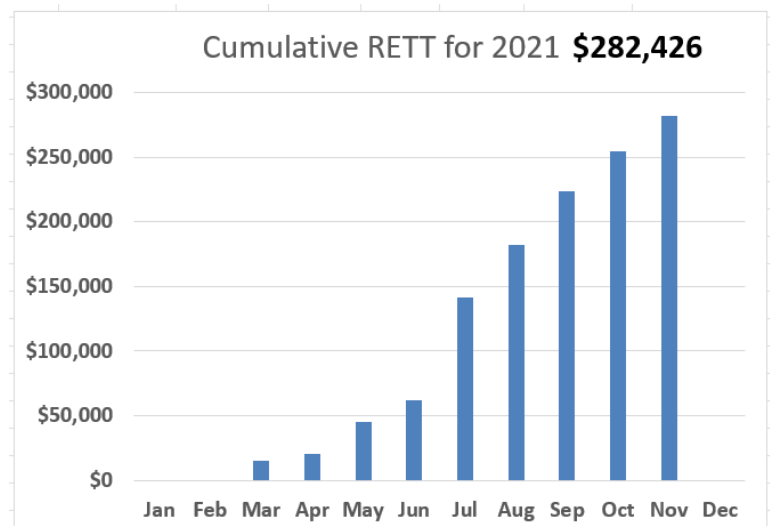
The online Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:21pm with a motion from Susan DeMark and seconded by Matt Maley. Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

1. **Public Comment:** No public comments were received.
2. **Review/Approve November Minutes:** The Commission reviewed and approved minutes from our [November 16th meeting](#). John Orfitelli agreed to post on our Town HPC website.
3. **Community Outreach for Historic Preservation:** The Commission continued work on a prototype information packet that will provide homeowners of historic properties with historic data on their property, restoration techniques, and other related materials. The pilot packet is being created for the property located at 88 South Manheim Boulevard using materials from the [Nomination package](#) along with [supporting materials](#).
4. **CPF Advisory Board Update:** John Orfitelli highlighted that the focus of the Board has been on establishing future areas for possible easements, with an emphasis on farms, water, and recreational trail opportunities. Throughout all deliberations, appropriate use of taxpayer funds must be considered. There is no deadline to spend the RETT funds, so that offers flexibility and time. The Advisory Board will be prioritizing parcels based on vulnerability to development, correlation with the Open Space plan, and possible land use, among other criteria.

John Orfitelli provided the following RETT report with receipts through November.



John Orfitelli agreed to provide the Board with the historic context and family histories for the focus areas under consideration. A brief [overview of the Wallkill West and Springtown area](#) was prepared for presentation to the Board on November 23rd.

5. Other Updates:

- **House Tour Video:** Each year during the past decade, the Wallkill Valley Land Trust has sponsored a historic house tour to raise awareness of the importance of historic and land preservation. This year, the house tour was virtual, entitled Historic Houses and Landscapes of Western New Paltz, and hosted by Historic Huguenot Street.

[Through this video](#), you can see the stories of 9 historic houses and the land surrounding them, as seen through the eyes of those who live in the homes now. The video encompasses both views on the ground and from the air.

John Orfitelli posted the video to our Facebook page and the HPC website. A [summary of the materials associated with these houses](#) was compiled for use by the Commission from the HHS brochure which accompanied the video along with material from our HPC Map site.

- **HPC Facebook:** John Orfitelli will continue to move prior postings to the 'top of page' of the [HPC site](#) each Friday. Susan and Matt agreed to add material each Tuesday.
- **CoA for 46 Libertyville:** [Local architect James Reynolds](#) has yet to contact John Orfitelli regarding the new roof proposed for 46 Libertyville Road which has been designated a local historic landmark. Katherine Schulten purchased the property in March 2021 and had discussed the need for a new roof with John prior to her purchase. A CoA Application from James Reynolds is pending his review of the roofing material options with Katherine.
- [A letter of support](#) was provided by Commission for the restoration and repurposing of the historic Ann Oliver House to an African American museum and cultural center, with a specific emphasis on local and regional history. The project has been submitted for a "Telling the Full Story Preservation Fund Grant" to the National Trust for Historic Preservation.
- **The hosting provider for our HPC Map site, NetEfx, has shut down the site** due to an imminent threat associated with a Log4Shell vulnerability with Java 8. John Orfitelli has arranged a telecon with Josh Simons and the NetEfx team on January 6th to review the situation and determine how to implement changes to resolve the problem.

Motion to adjourn was made by Susan DeMark and seconded by Matt Maley. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Next Meeting will be held via Zoom at 7:00pm on Tuesday, January 18th 2022.