

Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Tuesday October 20th 2020 7:00PM – 9:00PM via Zoom

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

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. Review/Approve September Minutes
3. Review HPC CPF Campaign Activity
4. Other

The on-line Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:27pm with a motion from Susan DeMark and seconded by Matt Maley. Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

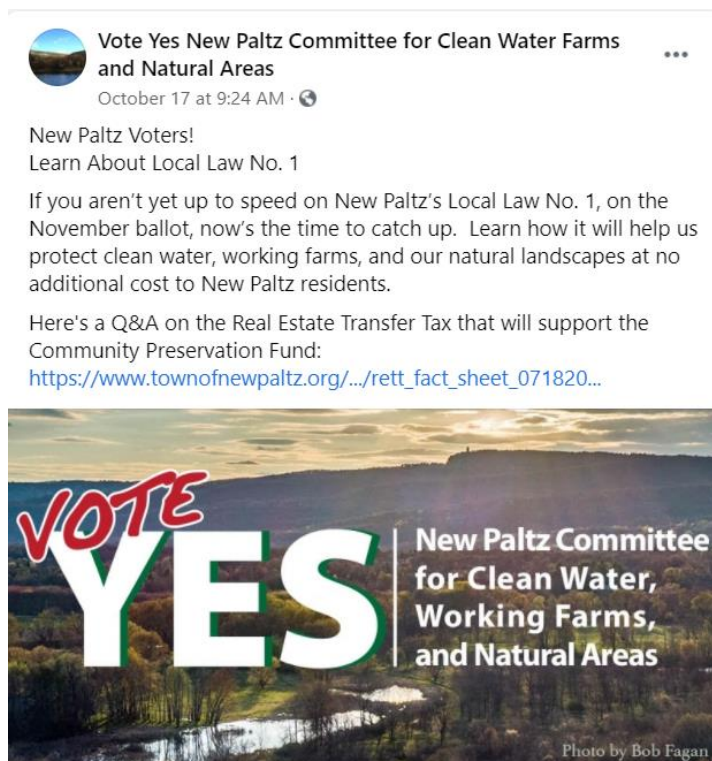
Minutes:

1. **Public Comment:** No public comments were received
2. **Review/Approve September Minutes:** The Commission reviewed, and approved [minutes from our September 15th meeting](#) and John Orfitelli agreed to post on our Town web page.
3. **Review HPC CPF Campaign Activity:** The Commission continues to be **exclusively focused** on the Referendum Campaign. Meetings with the Campaign Team are held every two weeks with notes and materials published to the [Google Drive site](#).

Here is a brief outline of the various activities and accomplishments which involved the HPC over the past month.

Publications and videos were created and distributed through various channels including:

- Mail Pieces to selected New Paltz households
- [Social Media via Facebook with Campaign Ads and Videos](#)



- HV1 (Local Paper)
 - Feature article
 - 3 - 4 letters of support weekly
 - BoE letter published
 - HV1 Ad
- Literature Drop
 - ~ 1600 pieces, by Metzger/Delgado door-to-door volunteers
- E-mail to all New Paltz Realtors in response to negative campaign by National and State Association of Realtors

VOTE YES

New Paltz Committee for Clean Water, Working Farms, and Natural Areas

Local Law # 1

Protecting Water Quality, Working Farms and Natural Areas

- No Property Tax Impact to New Paltz Residents
- 1.5% One-Time Fee, Paid by the Buyer
- \$245,000 Exemption – Applies to All, Benefits Low End and First Time Buyers
- Estimated \$180,000 in Revenue Annually
- Sustainable Source of Revenue for Open Space, Preservation of Historic and Natural Areas, and Benefits the Whole Community
- Dedicated Community Preservation Fund with Town Board Oversight
- Provides Leverage – Access to Matching State and Federal Preservation Grants



Local Law #1 provides an affordable and sustainable means for funding protection of the qualities of our area that attract buyers to New Paltz. Contrary to the NY State Board of Realtors from Albany who have spent over \$140,000 in a negative campaign to confuse New Paltz voters, Local Law #1 **will not raise property taxes or reduce property sales.**

To learn more about Local Law #1 please visit VoteYesNewPaltz.com

Community Meetings via Zoom

- [Get the Facts Presentation](#)

Public Access TV

- [Video running until Election Day on TV and social media sites](#)



Vote Yes New Paltz Committee for Clean Water Farms and Natural Areas

October 19 at 2:26 PM · 🌐

VIDEO: THE TIME IS RIGHT TO VOTE YES ON LOCAL LAW NO. 1

This video on how Local Law No. 1 will protect our farms, water resources like streams and wetlands, and natural areas is on New Paltz Local Access, Channel 23. Enjoy and share!

Thank you to Bob Fagan, program coordinator for New Paltz Public Access and a gifted photographer, for the video production.



VOTE YES

New Paltz Committee for Clean Water, Working Farms, and Natural Areas

For Local Law No. 1

- ✓ Will NOT Add to Property Taxes
- ✓ 1.5% Transfer Tax PAID by BUYER
- ✓ \$245,000 Exemption

2ft x 3ft Sign Used at Polling Place

Partner Alerts

- Scenic Hudson member alert
- Mohonk Preserve member alert
- Walkkill Valley Land Trust mailer

Phone

- Phone-banking
- Robocalls

Presence at Polls

- Early voting - signs and handouts for early voting
- Coordination with other poll watcher groups

4. Other

John Orfitelli assisted Katherine Schulten, a prospective Buyer interested in purchasing Gerry Buck's property at 46 Libertyville Road. The property is a [locally designated historic landmark](#). Katherine inquired about options for replacing the roof and the approval process involving the HPC. Here's the email response John provided to Katherine:

Hi Katherine, thanks again for reaching out to the Commission on your question regarding roof replacement for 46 Libertyville Road. As I described, the property has been designated a Local Historic Landmark and therefore any changes to the exterior require a [Certificate of Appropriateness](#).

After speaking with our historic consultant, a standing seam metal roof would be an acceptable lower cost alternative to the cedar shake roof material. Once you purchase the property, please contact me to arrange a meeting to review your CoA application.

Katherine's response:

Thank you again, John -- and, Susan, Matthew and Dawn, just FYI, I just raved to my husband (copied) about what a lovely phone call I just had with John, who called me not 30 minutes after I left him a voicemail/email, and had ALREADY consulted with the historic expert on our behalf. So helpful and sensible -- if this is the kind of response that's common in New Paltz, boy, we can't wait to move in!

Seriously, though, we love that house and its history, but are delighted that we likely don't need to spend over \$100,000 to replace the roof with cedar (the quote we got this weekend).

Thank you again, and I hope we're all neighbors soon!

Katherine

Motion to adjourn was made by Susan DeMark and seconded by Matt Maley. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18.

Next Meeting will be held via Zoom at 7:00pm on Tuesday, November 17th , 2020.