

Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Wednesday Aug 15th 2018 7:00PM - 9:00PM in the Community Center

Commissioners attending: John Orfitelli (Chair), Susan DeMark, Kate Brodowska, and our newly appointed Commissioner, Matt Maley.. **welcome aboard Matt!**

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. Review/Approve July Minutes
3. Historic Landmark Signage for Put Corners Cemetery
 - a. Review of Interpretive Plaque
4. Landmark Signage for Mohonk and Lent House

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm with a motion from Susan DeMark and seconded by Kate Brodowska. Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. **Public Comment:** No public comments were received.
2. **Review/Approve July Minutes:** Motion to approve [minutes from our meeting on July 18th](#) was made by Matt Maley and seconded by Susan DeMark. Motion carried.
3. **Historic Landmark Signage for Put Corners Cemetery:**
 - a) **Review of Interpretive Plaque:** The Commission discussed the final changes and Matt Maley agreed to provide the Commission with an image of the final version for review and approval via email. Matt will also obtain a quote from PDQ for fabrication of the plaque and stand. Delivery will be scheduled to coincide with the installation of the road side marker in the Fall.
4. **Landmark Signage for Mohonk and Lent House:** The Commission reviewed the text from Susan DeMark and Kate Brodowska for use with landmark signage for the Testimonial Gateway (Mohonk Preserve) and Lent House (Riverside Bank) using the template from the Hampton Inn road side marker. Research from our existing designation materials for these local landmarks was used to create the text for each marker.
 - Susan DeMark submitted text for the Lent House marker.
 - Dawn Elliott will provide text for the Testimonial Gatehouse marker.
 - Kate Brodowska submitted text for use at the Breezy Barn located on the Gateway site.

A fourth marker was suggested by John Orfitelli that would be used at the Mohonk Preserve to highlight the New Paltz – Wawarsing Turnpike. Susan DeMark agreed to create text for that marker.

Once the text is finalized, Kate Brodowska will create a prototype image of each marker for presentation to Mohonk Preserve and Riverside Bank. John Orfitelli agreed to reach out to Glenn Hoagland at Mohonk Preserve and suggest he attend our meeting in September to review the bridge modifications being planned for the Gateway and our road side marker project for Mohonk.

Post Meeting Follow-up: Response from Joe Moriello: John Orfitelli agreed to contact Joe Moriello directly regarding his findings on the use of the HPC budget for creating a Historic Landmark Foundation as [presented to the Town Board on May 17, 2018.](#) Joe Moriello explained that he had

responded to the Town Board in May. Town Supervisor, Neil Bettez, stated that he simply had been distracted at the time and apologized for not providing the letter to the Commission.

In any case, the net of what is stated in [the letter from Joe Moriello](#), is simply that HPC can not use their budget to create a foundation. Furthermore, the Commission can not serve on a Foundation, or participate in fund raising activities for a foundation whose sole purpose is to provide grants that assist owners of properties designated by the Commission as local historic landmarks.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kate Brodowska and seconded by Susan DeMark. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19th 2018.