

**Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday February 16th 2011 7:30PM - 9:30PM
at the Town Community Center.**

Commissioners attending: John Orfitelli (Chair), Helen Christie (Vice Chair), Dave Gilmour, Fawn Tantillo, and Kathleen Interrante along with Town Board Liaison, Kitty Brown.

Guest speaker: Josh Simons from CRREO to present and demo the On-Line Interactive Historic Map application developed in 2010 through a grant from the New York State Historic Preservation Office.

Also in attendance:

- Matt Thorenz, student developer from SUNY
- Carolyn, and Steve Thorenz
- Tom Olson, Chair of the Village HPC
- Nica Ferro
- Theresa and Maria Cordorano
- Thomas Smiley
- Jane Ann Williams, Town Board
- Jeff Logan, Town Board
- Valerie McAllister, Village HPC

Agenda

- 1) Interactive On-Line Historic Map Presentation and Demo
- 2) Review of Plans for a New Gatehouse Entry Building at the Mohonk Mountain House.

Minutes

Meeting opened at 7:35 PM.

1) Interactive On-Line Historic Map Presentation and Demo: Project Manager, Josh Simons, provided an excellent PowerPoint presentation describing the development process and features of the Interactive On-Line Historic Map application created by his team from a SHPO grant secured by the Commission in 2010. Josh proceeded to demonstrate the application in 'real time' from his PC connected via the Internet using the web address (link) that was to be made available from our HPC web page site the following day. Those in attendance were given the opportunity to 'test drive' the application. Both the development team lead by Josh and the Commission received very positive feedback and encouragement to continue working to make access to our historic data easy and fun.

2) Review of Plans for a New Gatehouse Entry Building at the Mohonk Mountain House: The Town Planning Board referred Tom Smiley to the HPC to review his plans for a new gate house entry building located on Mountain Road. The original gate house built in 1957 was severely damaged by an explosion from a gas leak in 2010. The plans under review are for a new structure that will serve as the main entrance to the Mohonk Mountain House property. Dave Gilmour highlighted the historic significance of the property which has been designated as a National Historic Site and asked if a permit from SHPO had been requested. Since Tom Smiley was new to the process, he was not aware of the role of SHPO and agreed to follow-up by contacting SHPO. Dave Gilmour requested that the area surrounding the gatehouse utilize stone work and landscaping in keeping with the historic nature of the property. Additional comments from the review included: Use of indigenous trees and other plantings and lighting fixtures should be in keeping with historic style and architecture of the Mohonk site. John and Dave suggested Tom contact Lynn Garofalini from SHPO to review the plans and secure approvals.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathleen Interrante and seconded by Fawn Tantillo. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.