

Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday July 20th 2016 7:00PM - 9:00PM at the Community Center

Commissioners attending: John Orfitelli (Chair), Helen Christie (Vice Chair, 8:30pm), and Susan DeMark.

Due to urgent family business, Caryn Sobel was not able to attend. Work obligations prevented Dawn Elliot from attending. Also, Town Board Liaison Julie Seyfert Lillis was not able to attend.

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. Glynwood Farm Barn CoA Decision
3. Historic Landmark Signage at South Putt Corners Cemetery
4. Gateway Moratorium Update
5. Foothills Historic District
6. Review/Approve June Minutes

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm by motion from Helen Christie, seconded by Susan DeMark, motion carried.

1. **Public Comment:** No public comments were received. Since Stacy Delarede was not able to attend, the agenda item regarding Public Hearing Guidelines will be discussed at a future meeting.
2. **Glynwood Farm Barn CoA Decision:** The Commission reviewed the Memorandum of Decision prepared by John Orfitelli for the Glynwood Farm Barn Certificate of Appropriateness which was approved at our meeting on May 18th following the Public Hearing on this subject.

John Orfitelli agreed to make final edits and submit a signed copy to Neal Tomann, Property Director and Project Engineer for Glynwood. Copies would also be provided to the Town Building Inspector, Stacy Delarede, and the Town Clerk. In addition, the CoA application and all accompanying materials, including the New Paltz Times Article by Sharyn Flanagan describing the HPC Public Hearing on May 18th, will be posted on the HPC web site.

3. **Historic Landmark Signage at South Putt Corners Cemetery:** Susan DeMark contacted Carol Johnson and determined that no additional materials were available in the archives regarding the original gate. Carrie Allmendinger of HHS provided information on property records and burial ground resources. A web site 'Find A Grave' has excellent supporting materials that can be added to the Designation and posted to our web site.

The Commission decided on a two sign approach consisting of (1) a road side visible sign and (2) an interpretive sign located 15-20 feet from the entrance.

(1) Susan DeMark agreed to create a list of valid vendors from the prior list along with a number of new sites provided for review by the Commission via email. The top five will be selected for possible procurement.

(2) John Orfitelli agreed to contact Glen Hoagland to obtain design specs for informational signage used by Mohonk that may be applicable for an interpretative sign.

4. **Ad-Hoc Committee Moratorium Report:** John Orfitelli participated in an Ad-Hoc Committee created by the Town Board and chaired by Susan Blickstein to examine the need for a land use moratorium for the B-2 District, referred to as the Gateway, which encompasses the area along the Rt 299 corridor from the Ohioville Hamlet to the Shop Rite Plaza and Empire Bank.

A report and presentation were provided to the Town Board on Thursday, June 16th.

The following letter of support was sent on July 6th to the Town Board by John Orfitelli on behalf of the Commission:

Dear Mr. Bettez and Members of the Town Board,

The Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission fully endorses the recommendations for a moratorium on land use for the Gateway Area as presented to the Town Board on June 16th, 2016.

Zoning for the B-2 District that encompasses the area along the Rt 299 corridor from the Ohioville Hamlet to the Shop Rite Plaza and Empire Bank has not been thoroughly evaluated or amended for well over twenty years. Our Town's codes have no requirements to ensure that this primary gateway to our community is developed to preserve the character and attributes that makes New Paltz significant to the community and visitors.

Furthermore, our gateway is of regional significance as well as it is the gateway for SUNY New Paltz, to the Gunks (Mohonk Preserve and Minnewaska State Park Preserve), to the Catskills, and to regional rail trail linkages that span Ulster and Dutchess Counties.

A moratorium is a clear, time-constrained tool for reviewing and updating land use regulations in a timely manner which ultimately will help to balance the needs of the community and historic preservation through sound planning.

5. **Foothills Historic District:** Dawn Elliott agreed to assemble materials on properties within the Mohonk preserve area to begin building a designation package. Caryn Sobel agreed to assemble districting materials and create a base map of the area.

Since both Caryn and Dawn were absent, the status for this item will be deferred to a later date.

6. **Review/Approve Minutes from June 2016:** A motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 2016 as amended was made by Susan DeMark and Seconded by Helen Christie. Motion carried. John Orfitelli agreed to post the minutes on our site.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 17th at 7:00pm at the Town Community Center.