

Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Thursday July 15th 2010 7:30PM - 9:30PM at the Town Community Center

Attendees: Town HPC Commissioners John Orfitelli (Chair), Helen Christie (Vice Chair), Kathleen Interrante, and David Gilmour.

Also in attendance:

- GIS Mapping Grant project leader Josh Simons and Programmer Brian Chance to provide a demo of the application and status for implementation on our server.
- Property owner Mark Pepper and architect Keith Sutherland to review plans for renovating the Stone Cottage at 160 Plains Road.

Agenda

- 1) Public Comment
- 2) Review of Locusts 1807 Stone Cottage renovation at 160 Plains Road
- 3) GIS Mapping Grant Status, Demo, and Follow-on Discussion

Minutes

Meeting opened for public comment at 7:30 PM.

1) Public Comment: No public comments were received.

2) Review of Stone Cottage renovation at 160 Plains Road

Property owners Mark and Kate Pepper were advised by the Town Planning Board to meet with the Town Historic Preservation Commission to review proposed renovations to their Stone Cottage which is on the National and State Register of Historic Places. Mark Pepper and his architect Keith Sutherland presented an overview of their plans and project along with a brief history of the property and it's significance to the family.

Dave Gilmour highlighted that since the property has not been designation as a local landmark or is located in a locally designated historic district, the Commission has no jurisdiction over renovations, however, can provide comments and guidance to the owners and their architect.

John Orfitelli agreed to provide a letter to the Town Planning Board advising them that jurisdiction over the review and approval of plans falls under the State Office of Historic Preservation (SHPO).

In a subsequent phone call to our regional SHPO contact, Lynn Garafolini, it was established that the restoration is considered a Type I action due to the presence of an Historic structure on the parcel and a long form EAS was required to be completed. Our letter (attached) requested that the Planning Board, as Lead Agency, send the material provided by Mr. Pepper and Mr. Sutherland to Lynn Garafolini for review.

Dave Gilmour suggested that an exterior light fixture be selected to be consisted with the Federal Period. We also discussed proposed modifications to the chimney, cladding, dormer, and roof lines.

The Commission received a copy of the review and findings from the Field Services Bureau of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) provided to the Town Planning Board (refer to attached letter dated 8/13/2010) in response to the SEQRA process, stating that 'Based upon our review of the submitted plans and in consideration of nearby historic properties, it is the OPRHP's opinion that the proposed project will not have any substantial negative impact upon historic resources.'

3) GIS Mapping Grant Status

Josh Simons and Brian Chance provided an overview of the GIS Mapping Project and demonstrated the application which will be completed by the end of July and installed on the Town's server for limited access and testing by the Commission.

The Commission discussed a number of project related items and follow-on activities including:

Donations via PayPal: John Orfitelli agreed to contact Joe Morello to discuss legal text required for us to receive donations from the site.

Change Log: Dave Gilmour requested that a log of the changes and corrections to the data along with detailed accounting of the source material be provided.

Links: Dave Gilmour also suggested the site incorporate links to SHPO and other sites that have additional parcel data and resources. Josh Simons agreed that there are many public domain sources for photos, documentation, census records, birth certificates, and newspaper articles to name a few.

Schools: Josh Simons would like to integrate historic information of the site into the local school curriculum.

Enhancements: Josh Simons suggested that additional photos and information on high priority parcels be obtained through research of records at the Elting Library as part of a follow-on grant.

Extension to the By-Way: John Orfitelli mentioned how the communities along the Scenic Bi-Way could implement the technology and thereby provide historic data in context to neighboring communities.

Walking Tour: Another feature from Google that could be implemented on our site.

The next CLG grant deadline is 9/15/2010 for the 2011 grant cycle. John Orfitelli agreed to provide Josh Simons with the 2010 grant application forms and to review the process and prepare a draft proposal for review at our next meeting in August. Dave Gilmour pointed out how 'in kind' volunteer time could be used in conjunction with cash to 'fund' our next grant. Plan is to prepare a presentation of the GIS Mapping Application to Julian Adams and solicit his recommendations for follow-on activities.

A presentation of the GIS Mapping application to the Village HPC is scheduled for July 19th.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kathleen Interrante and seconded by Helen Christie. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.