

Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Wednesday March 20th 2019 7:00PM - 9:00PM in the Community Center

Commissioners attending: John Orfitelli (Chair), Susan DeMark, Matt Maley, Dawn Elliott, Kate Brodowska along with Town Board Liaison, Julie Seyfert-Lillis.

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. Review/Approve January Minutes
3. Historic Landmark Preservation Legislative Initiative
4. Other
 - Put Corner Cemetery
 - a) Brochures for Hampton Inn
 - b) Date for Installation for Marker and Plaque
 - William G. Pomeroy Foundation Grant
 - Addition of Landmarker Publications to Web Site
 - Twitter for New Paltz Preservation
 - HPC Code of Ethics
 - Yorktown Symposium
 - May Meeting Date Change
 - a) Currently Wed 5/15, Proposing Wed 5/29

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm with a motion from Kate Brodowska and seconded by Matt Maley. Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. **Public Comment:** No public comments were received.
2. **Review/Approve January Minutes:** Motion to approve [minutes from our meeting on January 23rd](#) as amended was made by Kate Brodowska and seconded by Matt Maley. Motion carried.
3. **Historic Landmark Preservation Legislative Initiative:**

Susan DeMark reached out to the executive assistant to [Assemblyman Kevin Cahill](#), Rosemary Lategano, to briefly describe our Legislative Initiative and solicit suggestions on the next step. Ms. Lategano was very helpful and suggested that the Commission follow up with a letter to Ian Donaldson, legislative director for Assemblyman Cahill, with a detailed description and request to arrange a meeting or call to discuss our proposal. John Orfitelli created a set of talking points which included the five year average transaction and associated hypothetical fee data based on MLS sales of residential properties from 2014 through 2018.

The same letter and process for communicating our initiative would be used with staff aides of [State Senator Jen Metzger](#).

Susan DeMark agreed to draft a letter for review by the Commission at our next meeting. Daniel Torres, Deputy Town Supervisor, agreed to review the material we plan to use prior to our call to each staff member.

Matt Maley agreed to follow-up with the Warwick Supervisors office to obtain clarification on several questions raised by the Commission, namely,

- What kind of push back did the creators receive and how did they respond?
- What are the yearly proceeds collected from the 0.75% fee?
- Are there any exemptions?

- Have there been any changes in the fee or distribution process?
- How does the Town and Village of Warwick implement the collection and distribution of fees.

John Orfitelli agreed to contact Village HPC Chair, Tom Olsen, and invite the Village HPC to join in our Historic Landmark Preservation Legislative Initiative.

Based on the positive response and encouragement from our legislators, both Commissions would then address their respective local government bodies (Town Board and Village Trustees) to review the need for a preservation fund and proposed fee model based on Real Estate transactions. Agreement and support would be required to move forward with submission of a Home Rule Request.

4. Other

a) Put Corner Cemetery

Brochures for Hampton Inn: Kate Brodowska has completed a draft brochure using the images and text material from the Interpretive Plaque and will be distributing via email to the Commission for review/comment prior to our next meeting.

Date for Installation for Marker and Plaque: John Orfitelli agreed to contact Town Highway Superintendent, Chris Marx, and Hampton Inn General Manager, Randy Nogueira to arrange a date in late May (tgt 5/23) for a meeting with members of the Commission to establish the exact location for both the road side marker and interpretive plaque. The date for installation will also be set at that time. Once installed, a date will be set with Hampton Inn owner, Jayesh Modhwadiya, for the 'unveiling'. Susan DeMark agreed to invite Ulster Publishing (ref [article by Frances Marion Platt](#) published last June) and the Kingston Freeman to attend.

- b) **William G. Pomeroy Foundation Grant:** As reported previously, the [William G. Pomeroy Foundation](#) grant provides funds for commemorative signage through its Legends & Lore roadside marker grant program. Glenn Hoagland, President and CEO of Mohonk Preserve, has graciously offered the services of Eric Roth, grant writer at Mohonk Preserve, to assist the Commission in submitting a grant for 2019.

Susan DeMark agree to work with Eric to create a plan with timeline for the 2019 grant cycle. The grant proposal will cover the three markers for Mohonk Preserve along with a marker for the Lent House historic landmark (Riverside Bank) as described in our [September meeting](#).

- c) **Addition of Landmarker Publications to Web Site:** John Orfitelli added a new resource page to the HPC website with links to [20 issues of the Landmarker publication](#) by Julian Adams, Commercial Tax Credit Program Director, at SHPO. These well written publications by Julian provide an excellent source of information on a variety of historic preservation topics.
- d) **Twitter for New Paltz Preservation:** Kate Brodowska agreed to organize and manage our social media which currently includes a [Twitter account](#) to facilitate our outreach efforts and, in particular, the promotion of the Historic Landmark Preservation Legislative Initiative. Kate will also create a Facebook page and provide an overview of her social media campaign suggestions at our next meeting.
- e) **HPC Code of Ethics:** The Commission signed our [HPC Code of Ethics for 2019](#) which is available on our website.

- f) **Yorktown Symposium:** Lynn Briggs, Chair of the Yorktown HPC, contacted John Orfitelli regarding our [On Line Interactive Map of Historic Properties](#) and, in particular, requested that we demonstrate the application at a symposium being planned for May 8th in Yorktown. The symposium titled '[Yorktown's Disappearing Architectural Legacy: A Call to Action](#)' is being funded through a grant from SHPO and will feature government leaders, local commissions, preservation experts, SHPO officials, and others. John Orfitelli will attend along with Josh Simons and provide an overview of the map application and live demo during a working lunch.

- g) **May Meeting Date Change:** John Orfitelli requested that the next meeting in May, which is currently scheduled for Wed 5/15, be moved to Wed 5/29. All members on the Commission agreed to move the date. John Orfitelli will contact Town Clerk, Rosanna Mazzaccari Rosenkranse, to secure the Community room for that date and have the Town website updated accordingly.

Motion to adjourn was made by Susan DeMark and seconded by Dawn Elliott. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24th 2019.