

**Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Monday March 1st 2010 7:30PM - 9:30PM at the Town Hall**

Attendees: Town HPC Commissioners John Orfitelli, David Gilmour, Helen Christie, and Kathleen Interrante. Also, attending were Town Board Liaison, Kitty Brown, and Josh Simons from SUNY New Paltz CRREO to present status of the GIS Mapping Grant.

Agenda

- 1) Public Comment
- 2) Mapping Grant Status (Simons)
- 3) Review of Comprehensive Plan
- 4) Other Items from Prior Meetings
 - a) HHS Cemetery Designation Recording (Orfitelli)
 - b) Commission Term Dates and Recruitment (Orfitelli)
- 5) Review/Approval of Minutes from January '10, February '10, and August '09

Minutes

Meeting opened for public comment at 7:35 PM.

1) Public Comment: No public comments were received.

2) GIS Mapping Grant Status

Project Manager, Josh Simons, provided an update to the Commission on the GIS Mapping Grant project and in particular his efforts to recruit undergraduate students with specific skills needed for the project. Currently Josh has hired Brain Chance, a computer science major and history student, Mathew Thorenz, (refer to attached resume) with plans to bring another history major on board soon.

A mid-month progress report submitted to the Commission on 2/15/2010 (see attachment) includes specifics regarding the historic and technological methodologies to be employed in the development of the application. Additional survey data from the Village which had not been previously provided will be requested from Village HPC chair, Tom Olsen.

Josh met with Carol Johnson at the Elting Library to share with her the project plans and learn from her the condition of the data that has been collected to date from prior grants. A number of errors were highlighted by Carol. Students will conduct research at the library to be sure data used in the GIS project will be accurate. A detailed reference list of the sources used to describe each property will be included in the meta data in the form of a bibliography. These sources will include both the studies completed under prior HPC grants by Neil Larson, as well as, landmark designations, Town and Village municipal records, and material from the Elting Library.

A prototype of the application screens was shown to the Commission. Several design options and links will need to be resolved by the Commission as the application moves into development. For example, the types and colors of flags used to identify each property location can be made to signify age, style, landmark status etc. so that one can see 'at a glance' the variety of historic properties and select accordingly.

The next mid-month progress report will be provided on 3/15/2010. The report will provide results and from an analysis of the Larsen survey data.

3) Review of Comprehensive Plan

Due to the large size of the file distributed via e-mail by the Town Board (340 pages), it was not possible to download the Comprehensive Plan for review. Hard copies of Chapter 12 pg 28-29 dealing with Historic and Cultural Resources were made available at the meeting. It was pointed out that no local landmark designations have been included in the document. The Commission members were requested to review this material and share their thoughts and comments at the public hearing on 3/19 and 3/20.

4) Other Items from Prior Meetings

a) HHS Cemetery Designation Recording (Orfitelli)

The process of recording the South Putt Burial Ground Designation with the Ulster County Clerk exposed the need to further clarify the title for this property owned by Historic Huguenot Street. Joe Moriello, acting on behalf of the Commission, requested and received from Hudson Valley Abstract results from their extensive research (refer to attached letter dated 2/4/2010). The conclusions were documented in a letter to the Eric Roth, Director of the Historic Huguenot Street dated 2/11/2010 for his consideration in any further action. The recommendation to the Commission was to record the designation as documented. Accordingly the designation has been recorded with the Ulster County Clerks and is on file at the Town Hall.

b) Commission Term Dates and Recruitment (Orfitelli)

John Orfitelli reviewed records documenting the past and present Commissioner appointment dates and terms. The results (attached) were provided to the Town Clerk and posted on our web site to be consistent with these records. Kathleen Interrante agreed to submit a recruitment ad to be published in the New Paltz Times.

5) Review/Approval of Minutes from January '10 and February '10

A motion to approve the minutes as amended from January and February was made by Helen Christie and seconded by Kathleen Interrante. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.