

Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Tuesday May 19th 2020 7:00PM – 9:00PM via Zoom

Commissioners attending: John Orfitelli (Chair), Susan DeMark, and Matt Maley

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. Review/Approve March Minutes
3. Review HPC Input for CPP
4. HPC Social Media
5. Updates from April Agenda
 - Community Preservation Survey
 - CAMP Training Session
 - Roadside Markers
 - Bringing Village HPC On Board

Minutes

The on-line Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with a motion from Susan DeMark and seconded by Matt Maley. Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. **Public Comment:** No public comments were received.
2. **Review/Approve March Minutes:** The Commission reviewed and approved [minutes from our meeting on March 18th](#) as amended and John Orfitelli agreed to post. *Due to a lack of quorum for the April meeting, no April minutes were published. Several items that were to be covered in our April meeting have been summarized in these minutes.*
3. **Review HPC Input for CPP:** The Commission has spent a great deal of time participating in the CPP task force. Meetings are being held every two weeks with notes and materials published to the [Google Drive site](#).

As part of an outreach effort by the CPP Task Force, the community was invited to provide photos that highlight the diversity of the natural resources and historic character of New Paltz. Susan DeMark, Matt Maley, and Cara Lee created an invitation which was published in the New Paltz Times and distributed via the Town's Website and through Social Media. Susan DeMark posted the invitation on the HPC Facebook page which was shared with other groups.

Photos are being collected and stored on the [CPP Google Drive](#). John Orfitelli created a Photo Log in Excel which will serve to journal and organize the photos for use with the CPP. John Gotto agreed to update the photos and provide the supporting details.

The CPP Task Force requested that the Town Board adopt a resolution to formally recognize the group as an Ad-Hoc Committee. John Orfitelli prepared a [PowerPoint presentation](#) which he presented to the Town Board on May 7th. The Town Board unanimously approved the resolution.

The inventory of historic resources for the Town and Village was organized into [an Excel spreadsheet](#) by John Orfitelli to support the data inventory being assembled by Ingrid Haekel for the CPP. As of this writing, several records remain unresolved, however, the data is largely complete and accurate for use in the initial draft of the CPP. Revisions will be made and the CPP updated accordingly.

Ted Fink who has been hired by the Town to write the CPP provided the first draft for review by the Committee. The Commission will need to complete their review and provide changes by May 25th.

4. **HPC Social Media:** The Commission has continued to post materials to the HPC [Facebook page](#) to promote preservation along with efforts related to the CPP task Force (see Survey item below). The HPC Facebook page has been very popular and is well positioned to be a very effective medium in our upcoming referendum campaign.

5. Updates from April Agenda

- **Community Preservation Survey:** The online survey created by the CPP task force to determine public sentiment for preservation of Clean Water and Open Space, Environmental Conservation, and Historic Preservation was conducted from March 28th through April 30th. The survey was distributed via social media, Postcard mailings, and the Town's website. Susan DeMark created Facebook postings to the HPC Facebook page and worked closely with Cara Lee on press releases announcing the survey.

A [PowerPoint presentation of the results](#) compiled by Julie Seyfert-Lillis was prepared by John Orfitelli and presented by Julie to the CPP task force on May 20th. Presentation to the Town Board is scheduled for June 4th.

- **National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program (CAMP) [Training Session May 8th](#):** Due to the pandemic, his program was cancelled.
- **Roadside Markers:** John Orfitelli suspended follow-up on this topic and will revisit securing funding at a later date.
- **Bringing Village HPC On Board:** Tom Olsen attending the CPP meeting in March and while not able to attend on a regular basis Tom offered to assist the Town HPC in the referendum campaign as needed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Susan DeMark and seconded by Matt Maley. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11.

Next Meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, June 16th, 2020.