

**Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday November 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 7:30PM - 9:30PM at the Community Center**

Commissioners attending: John Orfitelli (Chair), Caryn Sobel, and Helen Christie (Dan Torres was not available due to a joint Town/Village Meeting requiring his attendance).

**Agenda**

1. Public Comment
2. Mohonk Foothills Project CoA
3. Review of Rail to Ridge Materials
4. Other Items
  - 2016 NY Statewide Preservation Conference
  - Preservation League of NY Membership Renewal
  - Review/Approve Minutes from October 2015 Public Comment

**Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by motion from Caryn Sobel, seconded by John Orfitelli, motion carried.

1. **Public Comment:** No public comments were received.

2. **Mohonk Foothills Project CoA:** The Commission discussed the sequence for actions by the Planning Board (Lead Agency) and the HPC regarding the site plan and supporting materials submitted by Mohonk Preserve for the Foothills Project.

The Commission agreed that a Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA) issued by the HPC should be a pre-requisite to any final Planning Board action. Once the Planning Board completes their review and the site plans are finalized, the materials will be submitted by the Mohonk Preserve to the HPC as part of a CoA application. The HPC will schedule a public hearing to formally review the materials and move to issue a CoA. The decision by the HPC will be provided to the Planning Board in support of their final action.

Four key considerations cited in the report by Neil Larson, dated September 12<sup>th</sup> 2015, have been will be reviewed with the planning board, namely,

- Paving of the Allée
- Location of Services
- Location of access to the Hasbrouck House
- Ponds

A tentative timeline based on stability of plans currently under review by the Planning Board is as follows:

- CoA application presented by Mohonk at our meeting on 12/16/15
- Public Hearing and possible approval at our meeting on 1/20/16
- Incorporate any changes from 1/20 meeting into Decision document and CoA

3. **Review of Rail to Ridge Proposal:** The materials provided by OSI will be reviewed at a future meeting.

#### 4. Other Items

- **2016 NY Statewide Preservation Conference:** The 2016 Statewide Preservation Conference will mark the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) on May 5-7th. This year's Conference will be held in Albany and Troy. The theme is Preservation50: NYS. Preservation50 is a nationwide effort to celebrate, learn from, and leverage the NHPA's first five decades to assure historic preservation's vibrant future in America. The 2016 Statewide Preservation Conference will be all about celebrating our past achievements and planning for the future of historic preservation in New York State.

As agreed to by both the Town and Village HPCs, Josh Simons submitted the following proposal for a presentation on the Interactive On-Line Historic Map Site created with the Town and Village HPC's and CRREO through a CLG grant with SHPO.

**Session Title:**

Utilizing 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology as a Tool to Preserve the Past

**Session Description:**

In 2010, The Town and Village of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commissions undertook a project in collaboration with the Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz and funded by the State Historic Preservation Office Certified Local Government Grant to create an online interactive mapping application to display information about properties identified as historically significant by a reconnaissance level survey. In subsequent years the platform was expanded to include an interactive timeline map, a promotional and instructional video, intensive data collection and photography of the Downtown Historic District, and time-morph photographs. The platform that was developed is a powerful tool for the dissemination of information, communication with those interested in the preservation of the historic properties, and for assisting the commissions and planning departments in their decision making process. This session will be a demonstration of the web site (<http://hpc.townofnewpaltz.org/>), and a discussion of how other organizations might emulate it.

- **Preservation League of NY Membership Renewal:** Helen Christie agreed to process a voucher for funds to renew our Membership in the Preservation League of New York.
- **Review/Approve Minutes from October 2015:** A motion was made by John Orfitelli to approve the October 2015 meeting minutes. Seconded by Caryn Sobel, Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Caryn Sobel, seconded by John Orfitelli. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.