

## **Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**

**Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> 2015 7:30PM - 9:30PM at the Community Center**

Commissioners attending: John Orfitelli (Chair), Caryn Sobel, and Dawn Elliott

### **Agenda**

1. Public Comment
2. Review of Rail to Ridge Proposal
3. HPC Master Plan Discussion
4. 2016 NY Statewide Preservation Conference
5. Preservation League of New York Membership Renewal
6. Review/Approve Minutes from September 2015

### **Minutes**

Meeting was delayed 30min to allow for a quorum and called to order at 8:00pm by motion from Caryn Sobel, seconded by John Orfitelli, motion carried.

1. **Public Comment:** No public comments were received.
2. **Review of Rail to Ridge Proposal:** Due to the limited amount of space in the small meeting room, the extensive set of materials, which includes large maps, will be reviewed at our next meeting to be held in the main room.
3. **HPC Master Plan Discussion:** The Commission continued discussion on creation of a joint Town/Village Historic Preservation Master Plan. The Village HPC indicated to John Orfitelli that they may be interested in participating in a joint grant to cover the expense. The consensus of the Commission was that before proceeding further with a grant proposal, it was critical that both the Town and Village HPCs meet with their respective boards to secure their commitment to preservation through a Master Plan that integrates our historic resources into a comprehensive plan for the community. Timeframe for meeting with the Town Board will be January. Over the next several months, the Commission will conduct research on similar master plans and prepare examples within our community of valuable historic assets that are in truly in jeopardy if not designated and protected. Two historic resources highlighted by Neil Larson were the fifteen stone houses (recently documented as part of a landmark initiative) and the Butternut District which include farms and landscapes within the Mohonk Preserve.
4. **2016 NY Statewide Preservation Conference:** The 2016 Statewide Preservation Conference will mark the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) on May 5-7<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Josh Simons agreed to submit a 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. The Village HPC voted to support a presentation proposal by Josh Simons. The Town HPC discussed the importance of having the presentation reflect the role of the Town and Village HPC throughout the project. John Orfitelli stated that both HPCs will review the material in advance of the

conference. John Orfitelli placed a motion to move forward with a presentation proposal. Motion was seconded by Dawn Elliot. Motion carried.

5. **Preservation League of New York Membership Renewal:** A motion to renew the membership with a \$35 donation was made by John Orfitelli, seconded by Caryn Sobel. Motion carried.

6. **Review/Approve Minutes from September 2015:** A motion was made by John Orfitelli to approve the September 2015 minutes. Seconded by Dawn Elliot, Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Caryn Sobel, seconded by John Orfitelli. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.