

**Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 7:00PM - 9:00PM in the Community Center**

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

**Agenda**

1. Public Comment
2. Review/Approve August Minutes
3. Historic Landmark Preservation Legislation
4. Put Corner Cemetery Brochures
5. Road Side Markers
6. Social Media for New Paltz Preservation

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm 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 August Minutes:** The Commission reviewed and approved [minutes as amended from our meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup>](#) and John Orfitelli agreed to post.
3. **Historic Landmark Preservation Legislation:** Neil Bettez, New Paltz Town Supervisor, forwarded the following email from Andy Bicking, Director of Public Policy and Special Projects, Scenic Hudson, Inc. to the HPC and several other groups requesting support for the recent [Preservation Legislation](#) that will soon be presented to the Governor.

*Friends,*

*I am expecting the legislation to authorizing Community Preservation Funds for communities in Ulster County, and the separate bill for the Town of Chester, to be reviewed by the Governor. Yet, I've recently learned that opposition is mounting to these bills. To preserve our good work to date and keep the promise of locally-generated conservation funding alive for these communities, please write to the Governor to express your support for these bills becoming law (if your mission area covers only Ulster County or only the Town of Chester, its acceptable to write only about the bill that is relevant to you).*

*I've attached [Scenic Hudson's letter to the Governor](#) for your reference. If I can be of any assistance in crafting your letter, please let me know. Also, if you would, send me a copy of your letter. I'd love to be able to bundle them in one packet to share with the people in Albany who support our interests.*

*Best,  
Andy*

The Commission reviewed a draft letter derived from earlier work by Susan DeMark who agreed to incorporate additional changes. Once the final text has been reviewed by the Commission via email, the letter will be sent to Andy Bicking for inclusion in the support package for presentation to the Governor.

4. **Put Corner Cemetery Brochures for Hampton Inn:** John Orfitelli delivered the brochures to the Hampton Inn and met with Liselle LaFrance, Executive Director Historic Huguenot Street, to solicit support for supplying brochures to the Hampton Inn and perhaps other locations.

**5. Road Side Markers:** John Orfitelli submitted RFQs to the following companies:

- Catskill Castings
- Centec
- TheSignChef
- PDQ

John Orfitelli and Susan DeMark will meet next with Riverside Bank to request funding for the Lent House marker and share our efforts involving the Testimonial Gateway markers to gain their support in offsetting some of that finding for the Mohonk Preserve.

**6. Social Media for New Paltz Preservation:** Dawn Elliott agreed to create a Facebook page for the HPC. Each Commissioner will have admin authority to add material to the page. The use of Facebook may prove very important to the promotion of the preservation legislation and, if passed into law, obtaining support within the community for passage of a referendum in 2020.

Motion to adjourn was made by Susan DeMark and seconded by Matt Maley. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

**Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 2019.**