

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**June 3, 2014  
Delancey Hall**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Debby Moore  
Gail Pantezzi  
John Malone  
Linda Gracie  
Marcia Rockwood  
Francis Tuoti, Chairman

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Steve LaRocca

**ALSO PRESENT:** Amy Rosmarin, Town Board Member  
Susie Thompson, Town Historian  
Janice Will, Recording Secretary

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Petition requesting historic landmark designation of Mills Road, from Titicus Road/Route 116 to Bogtown Road

Chairman Francis Tuoti opened the public hearing, noting there were no members of the public present. He stated that the Commission received e-mails from Robert Abrams of 195 Mills Road and Duncan Dayton of 397 Mills Road; these e-mails contained questions but not objections and are part of the Mills Road historic designation file.

Amy Rosmarin handed out copies of the e-mails and the Chairman's response to Mr. Abrams to those who had not seen them.

The Chairman thanked Susie Thompson and Amy Rosmarin for their help in composing an answer to Mr. Abrams. Chairman Tuoti asked the HPC for their thoughts re Mr. Dayton's question about the wall on his property, which is he built and is not new/not historic.

Susie Thompson remarked that if the wall will be included in the area of historic designation, Mr. Dayton would need to file a Certificate of Appropriateness application if he wanted to change or demolish his wall.

Gail Pantezzi agreed, adding that it seemed the wall would be within the designated area, and it would not matter whether the wall is historic or not.

Everyone agreed that Mr. Dayton's wall would be included in the designation.

Debby Moore suggested that Chairman Tuoti tell Mr. Dayton that his wall will be part of the designated area and will be protected by the historic designation.

To close the public hearing

**Motion by:** *Gail Pantezzi*

**Seconded by:** *John Malone*

**All in favor.**

Chairman Tuoti commented that if either Mr. Abrams or Mr. Dayton felt really concerned, they could have attended the hearing or sent representatives.

Ms. Thompson pointed out that they may still go to the Town Board when the proposed designation is on their agenda.

Amy Rosmarin stated that next steps would be to send the HPC's recommendation to the Town Board, re-notify property-owners on Mills Road, and place another Notice in the newspaper announcing the HPC's recommendation to the Town Board to designate the road an historic landmark road, and she read the procedure from the Town Code. Ms. Rosmarin said she will use a letter regarding the historic designation of Baxter Road as a template for a letter about Mills Road for the Chairman to use.

The Chairman asked for a motion.

To accept the petitions requesting historic designation of Mills Road from its intersection with Bogtown Road eastward to its intersection with Titicus Road/Route 116 and recommend that designation to the Town Board

**Motion by:** *John Malone*

**Seconded by:** *Linda Gracie*

**All in favor.**

Chairman Tuoti noted that letters must be sent to property-owners along the to-be-designated portion of Mills Road, a letter must also be sent to the Supervisor/Town Board, and a notice must be placed in the Journal News. He also stated that he will reply to Duncan Dayton per discussion with the Commission.

Ms. Rosmarin asked the Commission to edit the draft letter she drew up for the Chairman to send to the Town Board; everyone read the letter and recommended some changes. She also said she thought she could get the recommendation on the Town Board agenda for the following week (June 10).

Linda Gracie said as many HPC members as possible should try and attend the Town Board meeting.

The Chairman asked if the other HPC members wanted to approve his response to Duncan Dayton, but it was agreed that he could simply answer by return e-mail and cc the HPC.

Everyone thanked Ms. Rosmarin for her efforts in getting Mills Road designated.

## REGULAR MEETING

### Croton Falls Presbyterian Church

Marcia Rockwood said she and Susie Thompson visited the church and met Pastor Hallundbaek who showed them around. Ms. Rockwood said some of the stained glass windows were donated by Drew Outhouse, who was married there years ago. Ms. Rockwood mentioned a collection of leather-bound books kept in the church and also a rear garden. She added that the pastor (interested in historic designation) has a copy of a list of available grants and must speak to the Diocese to see if they would like the church designated an historic landmark. Ms. Rockwood remarked that there are grants of from \$20,000 to \$100,000 available to landmarked churches.

Ms. Thompson stated that the church needs paint and repairs, and there is no money available, so grant funds would be very helpful. She added that they will have to wait to hear from the Presbyterian Diocese before proceeding with a recommendation for historic designation.

### Public Access TV

Ms. Pantezzi had nothing new to report on this subject.

The Chairman commented that use of this service does not fall under the jurisdiction of the HPC and asked if they are through with it now.

Ms. Pantezzi offered to keep in touch with Paul Friedman.

### Cemeteries

Ms. Thompson has not had time to pursue this project so far.

### Certified Local Government Program

Chairman Tuoti said he has a letter from Julian Adams of the NY State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation about changing the local law that he needs to forward to the rest of the HPC.

Noting that work has already been done re making the few changes needed, Ms. Thompson said someone will need to complete that work and then the HPC can see if the Town Board will agree to the changes.

Mr. Malone asked what the advantage to participation in CLGP would be.

Ms. Thompson said the main advantage is access to grant money, but it would also offer North Salem better standing with the State.

Ms. Gracie suggested the Chairman forward the letter from Mr. Adams, and the HPC can discuss the CLGP at their next meeting.

### Proposed addition to the Annex

Chairman Tuoti said he had heard nothing further from Steve LaRocca, but he (the Chairman) felt Mr. LaRocca's e-mail had been clear about what he would recommend.

The Chairman added that Mr. LaRocca might prefer not to make a sketch of the building, and there is already an architect working on the project.

Ms. Thompson said she thought they could also assume that Mr. LaRocca does not have time to make a sketch/he is very busy with work.

The Chairman said he will meet with Supervisor Warren Lucas about the Annex addition and also the public access TV channel.

Approval of meeting minutes: April 1 and May 6

**Motion by: Linda Gracie**

**Seconded by: John Malone**

**All in favor.**

Next meeting: July 8, 2014

**Motion to adjourn at approximately 6:10 pm: Gail Pantezzi**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Janice Will, Recording Secretary