

Rockland County Historic Preservation Board

November 20, 2023 Minutes

Robert L. Yeager Health Center, Building T

Pomona, NY 10970

Members Present: Stacy Alessio, Gillian Ballard, Mary Cardenas, Claudia Cooney, Marianne Leese, Robert Masiello, Peter Scheibner
Staff: Michael Kezner, Rockland County Planning Department
General Public: Beth Brown & Lucy Redzeposki, Rockland County Department of Economic Development & Tourism

Call to Order: The meeting began at 3:37 PM.

- 1. Introductions:** Board Vice-Chair Peter Scheibner welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Review of October 23, 2023 Minutes:** On a motion made by Robert and seconded by Mary, the minutes were unanimously approved.
- 3. Properties of Concern:** Claudia noted that the John Green House received a grant from the Daughters of the American Revolution which will be used to replace the windows and door. They also received a substantial donation which they are looking to use towards the renovation of the west wall.
- 4. Old Business:** Robert indicated that he would provide more information on the next phase of the new Haverstraw park that was discussed at a previous meeting in the future, but that the park will be for residents only.

Marianne received a call at the Historical Society from Greg Julien, PhD, who is involved in the efforts to preserve the portion of Letchworth Village that is within Stony Point. A few buildings have been preserved and converted to a new use, but many are left abandoned. Robert pointed out that a major hurdle is the abatement of hazardous materials used to construct the buildings. A discussion followed regarding the current uses of some of the buildings that have been preserved in Stony Point.

A short discussion followed about types of historic markers and their prices (National Register markers vs those installed by the Historical Society).

- 5. New Business:** Marianne received an email from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) asking for public review and comment on the proposed Statewide Section 106 Programmatic Agreement between the FHWA, the New York State Historic Preservation Office, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the National Park Service, and the New York State Department of Transportation regarding the Federal-aid Highway Program in the State. As a CLG, the conditions and requirements of the proposed

Agreement may be applied to projects that fall within the County's jurisdiction.
Comments are due to the FHWA by December 8, 2023.

Michael received a request from someone trying to identify where veterans are buried. A survey of abandoned cemeteries was completed by the Rockland County Planning Board in the 1930s. He was looking for information from the survey for the True Dutch Reformed Church cemetery. Michael thought the documents were likely in the County archives, but asked if anyone knew if there was another location or source for the information. Marianne said she had previously spoke with this person and directed him to County archives.

Michael provided a list of meeting dates for 2024. Meetings are regularly held on the third Monday of the month unless they fall on a holiday in which case they are often moved to the following Monday. The Board does not normally meet in July, August, or December. The dates are subject to change as needed.

- 6. Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held on January 22, 2024 at 3:30 in the Building T conference room.

Adjournment: On a motion made by Marianne, and seconded by Mary, the meeting was adjourned at 4:09 PM.