

Saugerties Historical Preservation Commission (SHPC)

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, June 15, 2026

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:39 p.m.

Location: Frank Greco Memorial Complex

Attendees:

- Jesse James Angelino, Secretary
- Peigi Mulligan
- Stephanie Bassler, Liaison
- Ken Meyer Jr.
- Audrey Klinkenberg
- Phyllis Clark
- Jason Nelson
- Bill McCloskey

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Old Business

1. Email Protocol Reminder

Peigi Mulligan reminded members to ensure that emails regarding SHPC business are limited to organization members unless communication with outside parties is necessary.

2. Historical Marker at the Wynkoop House

Secretary Jesse James Angelino provided an update on negotiations with Patricia, liaison to Michael Persico, regarding funding for a historical marker at the Wynkoop House to commemorate the 250th anniversary. Discussions appear positive, though progress has been delayed.

3. Shout Out Saugerties Grants – African American Revolutionary War Contributions

Peigi Mulligan discussed the status of grant applications related to Saugerties Revolutionary War hero Caesar Bassett and other African Americans who participated in the fight for independence. Stephanie Bassler noted that submissions were received from both Stefan and herself, but a clerical error may have caused a delay due to one submission potentially overriding the other. Stephanie also reported on a letter of support submitted to Shout Out Saugerties recognizing former Saugerties resident and African-American artist Augusta Savage.

4. Secretarial Duties and Responsibilities

The commission reviewed the secretarial duties of Jesse James Angelino, noting that the responsibilities have been a gray area. Peigi Mulligan and Phyllis Clark proposed formalizing these duties and determining appropriate billing procedures. Attention was also given to Jesse's dual role as secretary and alternate.

Ken Meyer Jr. commended Jesse on his exemplary skills in recording minutes.

The group discussed improving research efficiency by leveraging existing knowledge from other members (e.g., Peigi Mulligan providing condensed information on Jeremiah Snyder rather than Jesse conducting full independent research). Phyllis Clark offered to create a new version of the task list for these responsibilities.

5. Dominican Sisters Property

Peigi Mulligan stated that she would abstain from matters involving the Dominican Sisters property due to a personal relationship between her and her husband and the current owners.

6. Villa Landmark Preservation Incident

Ken Meyer Jr. discussed an incident in which preservation matters concerning the Villa landmark were determined to be outside the SHPC's jurisdiction. Subsequently, parties opposed to the Villa used the SHPC in their campaign without the commission's permission.

7. New York State Blue and Gold Signs Restoration

Ken Meyer Jr. confirmed the process for touching up the signs, noting his familiarity with it and assistance from Ulster County bridge workers who helped sandblast, prime, and repaint them. The paint was funded by Town Supervisor Fred Costello.

The discussion also covered a historical marker in West Camp originally made of wood, later replaced with one donated by Majesta. The original marker was reportedly struck by a vehicle, removed, and is now stored in the basement of the West Camp Lutheran Church.

8. Revolutionary War Markers Mapping Project

Peigi Mulligan discussed issuing maps of Revolutionary War markers, noting that she and Ken Meyer Jr. had taken photos for the documentation. Phyllis Clark suggested ensuring Peigi receives proper recognition for this work. Peigi plans to convert the map and photos into a poster or pamphlet.

Secretary Jesse James Angelino volunteered to seek permission from the Saugerties Chamber of Commerce to make the maps/pamphlets available in their tourism barn at the corner of Market Street.

Old business concluded.

New Business

1. Revolutionary War Markers List

Peigi Mulligan confirmed she would resend the list of Revolutionary War markers (in separate or condensed files) to all commission members for review.

2. Meyers House at 1076 Kings Highway

Secretary Jesse James Angelino was tasked with writing and sending a professional letter/email to Lindsey Mitchell, property manager of the Meyers House (owned by Philips North America), requesting documentation of damages (particularly to the gutters) along with photographs, renovation plans, materials, and her vision for the property. The commission emphasized that repairs should not detract from the structure's historical heritage.

Ken Meyer Jr. noted a possible intent to sell the property after necessary fixes. The discussion referenced prior email correspondence between Stefan and Lindsey Mitchell.

Related Note on Past Conduct:

The commission referenced a past incident in which an acting secretary sent an unauthorized, negative email on behalf of the SHPC criticizing the roof color scheme of the new Snyder farmhouse on Snyder's Hill (off Route 212). The commission disavowed such rude or unapproved correspondence.

3. Historical Anecdotes

- Ken Meyer Jr. mentioned Aaron Meyer, a distant relative who operated the ambulance wagon for Burgoyne at the Battle of Saratoga; the wagon is now on display at the Summit House in Kingston.

- Stephanie Bassler recounted meeting a man who claimed to be a relative of Aaron Burr and often portrayed him in reenactments.

- Peigi Mulligan noted Alexander Hamilton's sponsorship to enter the U.S. via Henry Krueger, with connections to the Dominican Sisters property.

4. Malden Presbyterian Church Records

Audrey Klinkenberg presented 230 transcribed pages of records received from the Pittsburgh Presbyterian Historical Society (sent as a PDF). The church no longer stands, and its exact location is unclear, though it may have been near Paul Andreassen's house by an old cannon. The records cover church rules, Christian experience, confession

procedures, service hours, and limited pastoral information, but contain few baptism or marriage records.

Arriving patrons included individuals from Red Hook, Wethersfield (CT), Manchester (VT), and Illinois. Departing families moved to locations including New York City, Boston, and Iowa. The church's roots date to 1834–1835.

Audrey noted that the Town funded the transcription. She will be out of town until September but remains available for Zoom meetings.

5. History of the Hamlet of Daisy

Peigi Mulligan provided an update on her ongoing work writing a history of the forgotten Hamlet of Daisy.

6. Fooks Family Farmhouse and Cemetery – Wilhelm Road, Asbury Hamlet

Secretary Jesse James Angelino reported using information from Ulster County Historian Jonathan Palmer, an 1875 Beers map, and modern satellite imagery to locate the former Fooks family farmhouse plot (notably associated with Dorothy Fooks) on Wilhelm Road.

He met with longtime neighbor William (resident for over 45 years), who was familiar with an old, unkept cemetery on the property unknown to the current owner. With the owner's permission, Jesse plans to pursue assistance from gravestone guardians to restore the cemetery for historical preservation.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting concluded at 6:39 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Jesse James Angelino, Secretary

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