

Subject: Discussion Agenda for June 10, YLPC Zoom Meeting, 7PM
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YLPC,

Summarized below are our projects and status for discussion tonight. Please see Brendan's email regarding the Zoom call in information.

Participants at May 13 YLPC Zoom Meeting: Nancy Milanese, Bridget Krowe, Adam Fetzer, Tom McLoughlin, Brendan Murphy, Christine Sisler, Terry Naumann, and Lynn Briggs.

Next Teleconference Call: The next Zoom Teleconference Call will be 7pm, July 8. Brendan will forward the connection info (without pass code).

Progress:

1. Certificate of Appropriateness: The First Presbyterian Church applied for a building permit from the Building Department in January; Covid notwithstanding, the capital improvement team did not receive a response and reached out to us on May 31 for help to break the jam; the last word they received was from John Landi, who indicated that he was waiting for an opinion from "historical;" I called Landi and received no response so we proceeded to issue a CoA resolution, and approved on June 2 for the planned work, alterations to the education annex building which do not affect affect the historic sanctuary. As of yesterday, the church has still not heard from Landi. I advised them to call him directly and ask when the permit would be issued.

2. CLIO Templates: Brendan is now the project manager for CLIO template implementation for the Westchester County Historical Society (WCHS); he is guiding the interns and focusing on the Yorktown templates; he drafted 18 combined HHDs and Landmarks with help from Terry; he and his intern team, with assistance from WCHS leadership, are ensuring the templates all meet the publication criteria.

3. William Pomeroy Foundation Roadside Marker Grants: Approved by the Town Board, the YLPC submitted two Letter of Intents (LoI) for roadside markers for the Andreas Miller Home and the Soundview Preparatory School. July 6 is the application deadline to submit the other components, including the GPS coordinates for install location and the research commemorating the reason for the signs, and a letter from the landowner granting permission for sign installation. The individuals who did the research are students of Professor Joahanna Porr Yaun's SUNY Westchester historic preservation class. Both presented to the Town Board.

The foundation created a webinar to educate its applicants which includes several slides on historic research. The Foundation gave us permission to use their slides which are appended.

Webinar

<https://www.wgpfoundation.org/media/tips-for-preparing-a-successful-marker-grant-application-nov-19-2019/>

Adam has volunteered to create a tool (not sure which format yet) to help us with a) finding sources to validate our research for HHDs and landmarks and will be able to leverage the Foundation charts for sources and b) how to use the Westchester Land Records database, now a part of our Landmark and HHD applications.

4. Bronze Markers: The fabricator opened up back up inconjunction with Covid guidelines; we received final copy proof for four bronze markers:

- Shipman House: Nancy received owner approval
- YCCC - waiting approval
- Train Depot-waiting approval
- First Presbyterian Church-waiting approval

The open issue is the design requirements for a breakaway post required by the DOT, which Lynn is addressing with the DOT and Highway Department.

6. YLPC Historic Preservation Participation Guide Book: We are drafting the contents of guide to educate current and potential landmark, HHD and CoA applicants on the historic preservation, applicable code, program options, responsibilities, benefits and costs; the idea is to host webinars, tutorials, seminars about who we are, what we do, and

how we do it and invite community participation. Doing so would be in conjunction with our name approval, code update and Facebook launch. A rough draft is appended.

Adam is planning a modification to his landmark home and will "stress test" the CoA portion of the guide, be the model for how to follow the process.

7. HHD Designations: We agreed to designate additional Homes of Historic Distinction:

-950 or 1005 Chapman Road, ca. 1850, Fran Goldwyn and his wife-**Bridget**

-Florenceville School, Huntersville Road, or Sunrise Carpentry Restoration, Brian Goc, Contractor-**Lynn** (tbd pending status of Soundview Preparatory School sale resolution)

-2342 Saw Mill River Road, Henretia Strong House-**Adam**

-Underhill House, Hanover and California Streets (waiting on decision for parsonage, Community Church)-**Tom**

8. Research History for Potential Role in Yorktown Legacy:

-Indian Hill Burial Ground-**Brendan**

-Soundview Preparatory School-**Lynn** (on hold pending sale resolution)

-Hilltop Hanover Farm-**Terry**

9. Potential National Historic Listing Designation: Only three of fifteen landmarks are on the national register of historic places (Croton Dam, Amawalk Friends House, Yorktown Train Depot); they represent additional opportunity; Lynn is now pursuing the listing of the Albert A. Capellini Cultural & Community Center

10. Yorktown History: It was agreed that Yorktown needs an authenticated, verifiable documented history. To start, Brendan created a top down guide to help create public outreach, which among among other methods, could be delivered via social media. This project is on hold pending name change approval, code modification and Facebook launch. See #11 below.

11. YLPC Facebook Page: We agreed that it is time to create our own Facebook page. Given our transition from a designation/signage focus to a broader, more relevant description of preservation: heritage: natural, built, historic and cultural assets, our proposed name change to support this change (Heritage Preservation Commission) and our receipt of our own email address(landmarks@yorktownny.org), it makes sense to pursue now. On hold till name approved and code updated. Volunteer-Brendan

11. Dr. Brennan Inquiry-In a February 17 email to Lynn, Dr. Brennan challenged us to date his structure (now Hallock House, Mill-Post Office, ca. 1784) to an earlier time; initial research by Adam and Brennan dates the post office to 1862, but the house to no earlier than 1777. It was decided that Dr. Brennan should be the recipient of three HHDs to resolve the situation: structure, post office and mill pond (when completed), given the disparity in origination dates for the structure and the post office. Adam drafted response, Brendan reviewed and we sent it to Dr. Brennan June 10.