

Village of Schoharie Planning Board

May 09, 2024

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Board members: Dusty Putnam, Tim Repicky, Tom Hitter, Steve Babbitt, Russ Shaw

Board Consultants: None

Applicants: Curt VanSteele, Amy VanSteele

Public: David Knoop

The chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. We reviewed the draft meeting minutes from the April 30 meeting, no changes were requested, and then approved them in a motion made by Tim, seconded by Russ and approved by 5-0 vote in favor.

Russ felt that the guidelines for document submissions should be modified to require a date stamp and version number on each document, so that we can more easily track the changes as a design evolves, and the other board members agreed. He has envisioned an easier-to-use format for the checklist (currently just a long list of criteria with no links to examples demonstrating desired drawing features) and offered to develop a sample to be presented at a future meeting.

Old Business: Badgley Annex Building Addition at Old Stone Fort:

Advisory Opinion from SHPO: The chair reported that he had not yet received a formal response from SHPO for an advisory opinion, and the rules give them 30 days, until May 24. But he had a phone conversation with Westin Davies, who saw no major problems during a quick preliminary scan of the architectural features, but the archeology perspective is yet to be performed by another member of his office. We are hoping for a response soon, but decided we would stick with the May 29 date for the Public Hearing. Curt VanSteele presented a notification letter that the Historical Society is ready to mail to the adjoining property owners, but will wait until May 17 before sending them.

County Referral: Zach Thompson, the Schoharie County planner who serves as the staff for the Schoharie County Planning Commission, sent a letter May 1 to Tom, classifying the project as a 'Local concern', not a 'County-wide concern'; no recommendation from them is needed at this stage of the process.

SEQR: We worked through the Part 2 section of the Full Environmental Assessment Form, completing 17 of the 18 questions. Only question 10, 'Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources', remains unanswered, awaiting the response from SHPO. So far, no moderate to large impacts have been identified.

Further progress on the review process awaits the receipt of the SHPO comments. If it arrives by May 23 or so, the chair intends to schedule a meeting to occur before the Public Hearing. Stay tuned, as scheduling around Memorial Day weekend could become hard to gather a quorum. Meeting adjourned at 8:04.

Future Meetings

To Be Determined-- one more meeting before the May 29 Public Hearing

Respectfully,

Steve Babbitt

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