

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
March 1, 2022**

In attendance: Town Historian: John Pinna  
Commissioners: Annon Adams, David Dengel, Yvonne Laube, and Coleen McCarthy.  
Visitors: Stephanie Lewison and Ann Shershin.

Meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m. by Town Historian, John Pinna.

**Minutes:** Minutes from February 1, 2022 were read and one correction made. Coleen McCarthy made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, David Dengel seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Hudson River State Hospital:** The Main Administration Building is a national landmark and on the national registry of historic landmarks. It is a higher level of designation. Yvonne Laube reviewed all the remaining drawings for the South Campus and they meet the design guidelines.

**Vassar Faculty Housing:** The plan to build new faculty housing apartment for Vassar College, off of Watson Road by Hooker Avenue, called for the demolition of an older, possibly historic, house on Vassar Lake Drive. This house can be seen from Hooker Avenue. SHPO asked that the house be relocated rather than demolished and Vassar agreed to this. Yvonne Laube would like to photograph the house before it is moved. We will ask Vassar to do this.

**Arthur S. May School:** Work continues on the project.

**Mile Markers:** Landmarking of the Rt. 9 mile markers was successful and passed by the Town Board unanimously. John Pinna will get the plaques for the mile markers and will see what size, style, and how to install them will work best. Stephanie Lewison has begun looking into the Rt. 44 mile markers and who owns the property they are located on. There is one marker that appears to be on the border between private property and DOT property.

**Interns:** The interns are very busy. Each has been assigned a house to research. Coleen McCarthy has taken 4 of the interns to the county deed office to do title research on their property. The other topics they are researching is the history of African Americans in the Town of Poughkeepsie (2 are assigned to this), Native American sites in the town, the history of Rochdale, the history of Red Oaks Mill, and Town police department history.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.  
Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin