

**MINUTES**

**180<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

**NEW YORK STATE BOARD FOR HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION**

**June 11, 2020**

**Meeting held by WebEx  
Staff at Peebles Island  
Waterford, New York**

Prior to the start of the meeting, Kathy Howe verified that people checking in remotely to the WebEx had access and reminded all to mute their microphones when not speaking.

The following staff of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) participated in the WebEx remotely

- Daniel Mackay, Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation
- Daniel McEneny
- Daniel Bagrow
- Virginia Bartos
- Jennifer Betsworth
- Erin Czernecki
- James Finelli
- William Krattinger
- Kathleen LaFrank
- Linda Mackey
- Chelsea Towers
- Jennifer Walkowski

The following OPRHP staff participated in the WebEx from Peebles Island

- Michael Lynch, Director, Division for Historic Preservation and board secretary
- Kathy Howe, Survey and National Register Unit Coordinator
- James Carter

In addition to those named guests who spoke following individual presentations, approximately twenty additional guests were noted as having followed all or part of the WebEx.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Chair Doug Perrelli. This was followed by the roll call, during which the following responded as present and briefly described their role or function as it relates to their service on this board:

#### SRB Members Present

- Doug Perrelli: Board Chair, Archaeologist, Assistant Clinical Professor for Anthropology, SUNY Buffalo
- Wint Aldrich: former Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation
- Carol Clark: Adjunct Professor in Historic Preservation at Columbia University, Pratt Institute, and the NYU School of Professional Studies
- Jay DiLorenzo: President, Preservation League of New York State
- Kristin Herron: Program Director for Architecture + Design | Museums, New York State Council on the Arts
- Erika Krieger, R. A.: Assistant Director of the Variance Unit, Division of Building Standards and Codes, New York Department of State
- Jennifer Lemak: Chief Curator of History, New York State Museum
- Wayne Goodman: Executive Director, Landmarks Society of Western New York
- Lucy Waletzky: Chair, New York State Council of Parks
- Chuck Vandrei: Archaeologist and Agency Preservation Officer, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Absent

- Paul Stewart

There being ten members participating, a quorum was confirmed.

Board Secretary Michael Lynch noted that the voting method for this on-line meeting would be as follows: following a motion and second, there would first be a call for any “opposed” votes, followed by a call for any members “abstaining.” If there are none, the motion would be carried by unanimous consent. If anyone objected or abstained, a roll call vote would then be taken and recorded.

**Approval of Past Minutes**

Secretary Lynch noted that comments received on the draft minutes had been incorporated into the final draft circulated to the board prior to this meeting.

There were no corrections offered to the final draft minutes for the 179<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion to approve: J. DiLorenzo                      Second: E. Krieger

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The minutes were approved by unanimous consent**

**REPORTS****Daniel Mackay, Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer**

Deputy Commissioner Mackay welcomed the State Review Board members, the division staff, and noted a significant number of members of the public on the WebEx. He noted that meeting on-line like this is only allowed due to a suspension of the Open Meetings Law requirements to hold public meetings in person as a result of COVID-19. These meetings are typically held at our Peebles Island facility in Waterford, NY, although we try to host one meeting a year elsewhere in the state. We are encouraged by the success of this on-line meeting format, as it enables us to assure that we have a quorum of the board to conduct business, but we also see a greater public participation than is typical for the in-person meetings. We will be examining if this can be incorporated into future meetings so that we have a wider reach and greater participation in the future.

Mr. Mackay mentioned several highlights since the March 2020 meeting.

- OPRHP has been asked to play a very significant role in the COVID-19 response as one of the front-line agencies.
- Parks and the grounds of state historic sites have remained open while almost everything else has been closed. As a result, we are seeing record visitation.
- Some park facilities have served as testing locations and other support functions.
- Over 400 agency staff have served in volunteer capacities performing critical tasks, such as:
  - Call centers for DOL and Taxation & Finance
  - Contact tracing
  - Emergency Operations Centers

- Roughly 85 percent of the division staff have been telecommuting since NY PAUSE was put into effect.
  - Maintenance, security and administrative staff have been reporting to work full time
  - Program staff have adapted quickly and adopted new technologies to meet the workload requirement, for which I commend them
- On the compliance side of the program, incoming projects are understandably down slightly, but staff response times are shorter.
- Regarding the Commercial Tax Credit program, we are well ahead of last year's numbers in terms of volume and value.
- The Survey and National Register Unit, with 28 nominations to be presented today, is back to the form of years past. Several staff are presenting for the first time today and I thank Kathy Howe and her staff for all their hard work.
- On the Bureau of Historic Sites side, Chris Flagg, Bureau Chief, advised us in March of his retirement, effective mid-July. His last day in the office was at the end of May. You may be aware there is a hiring freeze due to the budget, but the commissioner is advancing this position as a critical waiver request, especially as the historic sites face the challenge of reopening in the new normal of social distancing, face covering, density reduction, and taking programs on-line. We are in the process of interviewing five internal candidates and we hope to have that person selected and in the position by the September meeting of this board.

W. Aldrich offered comments on Chris Flagg, noting his professionalism and great problem-solving abilities at historic sites and historic state parks over his 30-year career with the agency.

D. Mackay closed by saying he will forward those comments to Mr. Flagg.

### **State Preservation Plan Report: Dan McEneny, Coordinator, Community Engagement Unit**

D. McEneny reviewed the National Park Service requirement for a five-year state historic preservation plan (SHPP) in exchange for the annual Historic Preservation Fund allocation that covers about 40 percent of the SHPO operating costs. The current plan expires this year. The plan is not a tool for organizing the office or staff functions, but is intended to set goals for the SHPO, our partner organizations, and citizens for historic preservation activities across the state. NY is unusual in that historic sites are part of our responsibility in addition to the SHPO function; therefore, we are including historic sites-related issues in our planning, although that will not be part of what is submitted to the NPS for review since no NPS money is budgeted for state historic site operations.

Typically, we do a lot of public meetings and outreach as part of this planning process. This year COVID-19 has presented challenges, but we have a three-pronged approach:

- Targeted survey to about 60 professional colleague organizations, including the archaeology profession and our own state historic sites staff. We encourage all SRB members to respond to this survey
- Targeted phone calls with organizations that work with traditionally underrepresented communities, to reach people who might not respond to an on-line survey.
  - Because of the Black Lives Matter activities primarily in urban areas right now, we are focusing our initial efforts in rural areas. We will return to the urban areas in about 30 days.

- For the first time we are conducting a general population survey, having contracted with a professional survey company for 3,500 responses from the general public. A similar survey is also being distributed to professional colleagues, to which we hope to receive 1,500 responses.

D. McEneny then presented a quick overview of very preliminary responses to the Gen. Pop and colleagues surveys (see attached).

D. Perrelli asked what the due date is for SRB members to respond to the survey.

D. McEneny responded July 11<sup>th</sup> or earlier. The sooner the better, as there will be a lot of data and comments to crunch.

## **NOMINATION REVIEWS**

Kathy Howe provided introductory remarks.

A map of the state was shown, indicating the location of the 6,257 nominations already on the State/National Register, as well as the location and distribution of the 28 nominations to be presented today.

K. Howe admitted the agenda was very ambitious at 28 nominations. She noted that the combined unit was formed just shortly before NY PAUSE was put into effect, thus requiring all staff to work remotely. Staff rose to the occasion and she particularly thanked the two most senior staff in the unit, Kath LaFrank and Bill Krattinger, as well as the seasoned staff of Jen Walkowski, Jenny Betsworth, and Virginia Bartos for helping those new to the unit prepare for this meeting.

K. Howe brought to the attention of the board a preservation win worth celebrating. The Niagara Machine & Tool Works, which was approved by the board at the December 2017 meeting, was recently featured in *Architectural Digest* as one of the “10 Coolest Adaptive Reuse Projects Across America.”

## 1. Forest Heights Historic District, Jamestown, Chautauqua County

Presenter: Jennifer Walkowski.

- Letters of support: 1
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: eligible census tract for tax credit programs

Guest Speakers:

Mary Maxwell, Neighborhood Coordinator for the Jamestown Renaissance Corp. (the sponsor). Mary thanked the SHPO and Preservation Buffalo Niagara staff for assistance with the nomination that was based on a 1990 intensive level survey that required a lot of updating. She reported that the residents of the district are thrilled that this is moving forward.

Philip Morris, CEO of Capital Repertory Theatre, added that although he was on-line to support a different nomination, he spent 25 professional years in Jamestown, felt that the neighborhood is extraordinary, applauded the effort, and strongly urged support for the nomination.

Board Discussion:

D. Perrelli noted that he has spent a lot of time in the historic district working with Tom Greer at the Fenton Museum on long-term archaeology and public outreach projects. He noted the district is a welcome relief from the nearby Brooklyn Square that was destroyed by urban renewal.

J. DiLorenzo asked if a map with photo key would be included with the nomination.

J. Walkowski replied that she is preparing a photo key that is required by the NPS.

Motion to approve: J. DiLorenzo                      Second: D. Perrelli

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

## 2. Sweeney Estate Historic District, North Tonawanda, Niagara County

Presenter: Jennifer Walkowski

- Letters of support: 1
- Letters of objection: 1, no reason given
- Financial incentive program: eligible census tract for tax credit programs

Guest Speaker: none

Board Discussion: none

Motion to approve: K. Herron                      Second: W. Goodman

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

## 3. South Side Bank of Buffalo, Buffalo, Erie County

Presenter: Jennifer Walkowski

- Letters of support: 0
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: commercial tax credit

Guest Speaker: none

Board Discussion:

D. Perrelli noted that this building is sited across from Cazenovia Park, which was created by the purchase of the Hart Farm, which is the source of many, many archaeological sites in the inventory at SUNY Buffalo.

D. Perrelli also noted this spot on the river is prone to frequent flooding, so this is a great nomination and he really enjoyed the history of banking, and banking in Buffalo.

M. Lynch asked if the current use was known.

J. Walkowski responded that the rehab is in progress and there is no information on proposed use.

She also added that this building is near the Shea's Seneca tax credit project (former theater) and this is part of a small enclave of historic rehabilitation projects in South Buffalo.

Motion to approve: D. Perrelli                      Second: E. Krieger

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

#### **4. Miller Corsets, Inc. Factory, Canandaigua, Ontario County**

Presenter: Virginia Bartos

- Letters of support: 0
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: commercial tax credit, Part 1 approved

Guest Speaker: none

Board Discussion:

W. Goodman stated this is great building and a great project in a wonderful city on the lake

Motion to approve: W. Goodman                      Second: C. Clark

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

#### **5. General Ice Cream Corporation Factory, Syracuse, Onondaga County**

Presenter: Virginia Bartos

- Letters of support: 0
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: commercial tax credit, Part 1 approved

Guest Speaker: none

Board Discussion:

K. Herron noted that the nomination made a good case for Art Deco being an unusual style for a factory, but that the design choice was an intentional one appropriate for this use in a modern, pure, and sanitary factory.

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The nomination was approved by unanimous consent**



## 6. Schmidlapp-Humes Estate Historic District, Locust Valley, Nassau County

Presenter: Jennifer Betsworth

- Letters of support: 0
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: preservation grants

Guest Speaker:

Nina Muller, Campaign Director, North Shore Land Alliance

The North Shore Land Alliance is a nationally accredited land trust that purchased the main property in 2015, primarily for environmental reasons, but recognized the historical value as well. In 2017 we purchased the adjacent Japanese Stroll Garden and reestablished the original holding. I am grateful to the historic preservation community for support and guidance. We have qualified for grants and hired John G. Waite Associates to prepare a historic structure report for the tavern/Hume House, which, once restored, we hope to use for offices and public space. We recently received a National Trust grant to work with historic landscape architects to develop a historic district master plan to guide maintenance and use of the property. We hope to open to the public at the end of the month. Special thanks to Jennifer Betsworth for her patience and guidance through this process.

Board Discussion:

K. Herron noted the map was very helpful to understand all the elements on this property.

K. Herron commented that the appendix has biographical information on the key original designers of the property, but although the nomination stresses the importance of the Japanese Stroll Garden, the designers are not included in the biography, and she asked if that can that be added.

J. Betsworth responded that was an oversight and we will do additional research and rectify that.

Motion to approve: K. Herron                      Second: W. Goodman

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

## 7. Sutherland Cemetery, Stanford, Dutchess County

Presenter: Jennifer Betsworth

- Letters of support: 0
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: N/A

Guest Speaker:

James Redmond, Stanford Historical Society

Mr. Redmond thanked Jennifer Betsworth and Bill Krattinger for help with this process. We are a small but dedicated group of history buffs determined to assure that our important heritage is preserved. This cemetery is a prime example of our commitment. For years we have physically labored, fund-raised, and hired consultants to restore the site. Last year we received a grant from the William Pomeroy Foundation. We are currently working on other nominations that we intend for consideration in the coming months.

Board Discussion:

W. Aldrich said he thought he knew Dutchess County pretty well but had never heard of Bear Market. He thanked Jennifer and Mr. Redmond for the enlightenment.

Motion to approve: W. Aldrich                      Second: D. Perrelli

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

## 8. Conrad Voelcker House, Flushing, Queens County

Presenter: Jennifer Betsworth

- Letters of support: 2 (NB: NYC is a Certified Local Government [CLG] but no letters were received from the Landmarks Preservation Commission [LPC] this round, probably due to its office being closed for COVID-19)
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: N/A

Guest Speaker: none

Board Discussion:

K. Herron commented that this nomination reinforces the link that Voelcker made between being an immigrant and his decision to select a design that indicates he was a successful businessman.

K. Herron also pointed out that the nomination really speaks to the work the Voelcker-Orth Museum does within its community of a very diverse population of immigrants.

Motion to approve: K. Herron                      Second: E. Krieger

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

## 9. Hauppauge Methodist Episcopal Church, Hauppauge, Suffolk County

Presenter: Jennifer Betsworth

- Letters of support: 0
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: N/A

Guest Speaker:

Corey Geske, local historian

Recognizing this property is so important because many historic resources have already been lost to development. The small congregation is very excited about the nomination and has plans to install a permanent museum in the church to celebrate its history. Special thanks to Jennifer Betsworth for guiding this nomination through.

Board Discussion: none

Motion to approve: K. Herron                      Second: J. DiLorenzo

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

## 10. Shear Homestead, Lagrangeville, Dutchess County

Presenter: Jennifer Betsworth

- Letters of support: 0
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: N/A

Guest Speaker: none

Board Discussion:

W. Aldrich state he was impressed by the widow Spear, who not only continued to operate the farm, but also initiated a business that he was not aware of - private mortgages - and considered the story most interesting and impressive.

M. Lynch responded that private mortgages from local wealthy residents were not that unusual in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Banking was not what it is today, and they were not issuing a lot of mortgages. However, it was unusual that it was being done by a woman instead of the typical male head of household.

Motion to approve: W. Aldrich                      Second: E. Krieger

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

## 11. Carnegie Libraries of New York City Multiple Property Documentation Form

Presenter: Jennifer Betsworth

- Letters of support: 0 (NB: NYC is a CLG-no letter from LPC)
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program:

Guest Speaker:

Simeon Bankoff, Executive Director, Historic Districts Council

Mr. Bankoff noted that this is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Historic Districts Council, city-wide advocates for NYC's historic neighborhoods, and this is a great anniversary gift. Carnegie libraries are one of New York's great historic resources. They serve as connectors to history and community development throughout the five boroughs. Often, they are the most remarkable building in their neighborhood, but more importantly they help solidify the community. These are the secular equivalent of churches and religious institutions. They are landmarks in the most essential sense. Recognizing the importance of these libraries, the HDC has been working on this nomination since 2007. Special thanks to SHPO staff, Dan McEneny, Kath LaFrank, and Jennifer Betsworth for finally bringing this project to completion.

Board Discussion:

W. Aldrich commented that this is a marvelous piece of work. These libraries are one of the great American institutions. Nothing delighted him more than the quotation from Lenin during his exile regarding his opinion that these libraries were a good thing, despite the fact that one of the great tycoons of the age made it possible. Mr. Aldrich added his doubt that Lenin was anxious to institute public libraries in Soviet Russia later on.

M. Lynch asked for clarification that approving the MPDF did not automatically list each library in the document on the National Register

J. Betsworth confirmed that this serves as a cover document and individual libraries need to be nominated in order to be listed

Motion to approve: C. Clark                      Second: J. DiLorenzo

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

**12. New York Public Library, Fort Washington Branch, New York, New York County**

Presenter: Jennifer Betsworth

- Letters of support: 0 (NB: NYC is a CLG-no letter from LPC)
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program:

Guest Speaker: none

Board Discussion: none

Motion to approve: C. Clark                      Second: K. Herron

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

**13. V. Santini, Inc. Warehouse, Bronx, Bronx County**

Presenter: Linda Mackey

- Letters of support: 0 (NB: NYC is a CLG-no letter from LPC)
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: Part 1 has been approved, Part 2 under review for conversion to homeless shelter

Guest Speaker: none

Board Discussion: none

Motion to approve: C. Clark                      Second: W. Goodman

**Vote:** Opposed – none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

**14. Holyrood Protestant Episcopal Church, New York, New York County**

Presenter: Linda Mackey

- Letters of support: 0 (NB: NYC is a CLG-no letter from LPC)
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: N/A

Guest Speaker:

Fr. Luis Barrios

Thanked the board for taking the time to consider this nomination and thanked Linda for her presentation. Fr. Barrios encouraged the board to support this nomination, as Holyrood is a very important building in the community. It is more than a church, it a community center, and this nomination is a blessing.

Board Discussion: none

Motion to approve: C. Clark                      Second: W. Aldrich

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

## 15. Colden Hill Farm, Montgomery, Orange County

Presenter: Bill Krattinger

- Letters of support: 0
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: commercial and homeowner tax credit programs

Guest Speaker: none

Board Discussion:

D. Perrelli asked if it would be possible to join the other nearby NR-listed Colden properties into a single nomination?

B. Krattinger noted that there is a lot of intervening property between them, but they do all occupy land that was part of the original 2,000-acre patent plus an additional 1,000 acres originally owned by Cadwallader Colden Sr.

D. Perrelli asked if Colden Mountain in the Adirondacks is named after Cadwallader Colden?

B. Krattinger responded that he did not know.

D. Perrelli offered that he believes it is.

W. Aldrich added that the Colden family story is tremendously important to New York State history. As we move toward celebrating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, it is important that the agency take the lead in emphasizing the loyalist story as well, not only in the Hudson Valley, but in the Mohawk Valley where we have Johnson Hall, for example. What about the people who did not agree with the Founding Fathers?

Motion to approve: D. Perrelli                      Second: W. Aldrich

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

## 16. North-Sprague Farm (Colonel Aaron North House), Essex, Essex County

Presenter: Bill Krattinger

- Letters of support: 0
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: Historic Homeownership Tax Credit

Guest Speaker:

Christine Bush, AARCH

The owner is very interested in the possibility of tax credits. He completed a barn tax credit project, for which he received an AARCH preservation award. He is dedicated to doing the right thing and is very enthusiastic about this nomination.

Board Discussion: none

Motion to approve: D. Perrelli                      Second: K. Herron

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

## 17. Utica Steam and Mohawk Valley Cotton Mill, Utica, Oneida County

Presenter: Kath LaFrank

- Letters of support: 0
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: Preliminary Determination of Individual Listing (PDIL) has been approved by the National Park Service for the commercial tax credit

Guest Speaker:

Wally Wheeler (consultant)

Thanked Kath for making a great presentation and thanked the board for its consideration of this nomination.

Board Discussion: none

Motion to approve: W. Goodman Second: W. Aldrich

**Vote:** Opposed - none Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

At 11:58 the meeting was temporarily suspended for a brief break.

The meeting reconvened at 12:05.

The roll was called. All ten members were noted as present, constituting a quorum.

## 18. Carver Community Center, Schenectady, Schenectady County

Presenter: James Carter

- Letters of support: 5 (Schenectady is a CLG and provided a letter of support)
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: N/A

Guest Speaker:

Sheilah Rivera, representing the owner, Miracle on Craig Street

S. Rivera noted that Miracle on Craig street closed on the building in November 2019.

Board Discussion:

W. Aldrich asked if the city had responded to the nomination.

J. Carter responded that yes, we have received several letters of support from the city, including the mayor.

J. Lemak pointed out that there were typos in the draft that need to be cleaned up.

M. Lynch responded that all draft nominations receive a thorough review before being sent to the National Park Service.

Motion to approve: J. Lemak Second: D. Perrelli

**Vote:** Opposed - none Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

## 19. William Barnet & Son Shoddy Mill, Rensselaer, Rensselaer County

Presenter: James Carter

- Letters of support: 0
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: commercial tax credit program

Guest Speaker: none

Board Discussion:

W. Aldrich stated that one of the things that impressed him about this nomination, and this company, was the employee benefits offered; profit sharing, paid sick leave. He urged that this be emphasized in the nomination, as it is really quite remarkable for that era, and so broad gauged.

Motion to approve: W. Aldrich                      Second: J. DiLorenzo

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

## 20. National Biscuit Company Complex, Albany, Albany County

Presenter: James Carter

- Letters of support: 1 (Albany is a CLG and provided a letter of support)
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: Parts 1 and 2 approved by NPS for the commercial tax credit

Guest Speaker:

Patricia Altman, Proctors/Capital Rep Theatre

P. Altman spoke on behalf of Philip Morris, who had to step away from the meeting, and thanked the board for considering this nomination, and the SHPO staff, especially James Carter and Bill Krattinger, for their help with this nomination. This is a tax credit project where the main bakery building is being rehabbed as Cap Rep's new home, which will serve as an anchor in the neighborhood and will stimulate further development in the many vacant buildings in the area.

Board Discussion: none

Motion to approve: C. Clark                      Second: W. Goodman

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**



**21. Morrisville Engine House, Morrisville, Madison County**

Presenter: James Finelli

- Letters of support: 1 letter signed by both the mayor and the chair of the historic preservation commission
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program:

Guest Speaker: none

Board Discussion: none

Motion to approve: J. DiLorenzo                      Second: D. Perrelli

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

**22. Sylvester Apartment Building, Syracuse, Onondaga County**

Presenter: James Finelli

- Letters of support: (Syracuse is a CLG. No letter of support submitted due to COVID-19, but staff have expressed support)
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: ITC Part 3 approved

Guest Speaker: none

Board Discussion: none

Motion to approve: K. Herron                      Second: D. Perrelli

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

**23. Keene Valley Country Club, Keene Valley, Essex County**

Presenter: James Finelli

- Letters of support: 0
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: N/A

Guest Speaker:

Christine Bush, AARCH

C. Bush thanked James for his hard work on this nomination. This is important socially to Keene Valley and the whole development of the history of the town. It remains quite integral to and part of the whole summer experience. The Club is very dedicated to this property, down to keeping the clay tennis courts, and putting on plays, pageants, and community suppers. This is quite important to the summer community as well as the year-round residents.

Board Discussion:

M. Lynch asked if the stone-faced arch bridge visible in one image is included in this nomination.

J. Finelli responded that it is outside the boundary of this nomination but is already individually listed on the register.

Motion to approve: D. Perrelli Second: W. Aldrich

**Vote:** Opposed - none Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

## 24. Mountain Athletic Club Grounds, Fleischmanns, Delaware County

Presenter: Erin Czernecki

- Letters of support: 2
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: N/A

Guest Speaker:

Collin Miller, sponsor

C. Miller thanked Erin for her hard work. He noted that John Thomas, the official historian for Major League Baseball, holds a soft spot in his heart for this place, and he helped a great deal with this nomination, providing many primary source materials. It was Julius Fleishmann's birthday three days ago, so this is a happy birthday gift. As many as twelve former and future major league players played on the Mountain Athletic Club team, including several Hall of Famers. This is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the grounds, and on behalf of the village, this is the first of several more nominations that you will be seeing.

M. Lynch read into the record the following from the letter of support from the Historical Society of the Town of Middletown: "This is living history, the best kind. There's no role playing, no re-enactment, just real baseball..."

Board Discussion:

E. Krieger noted that one of the principal dwellings in Fleischmanns is featured in the most recent issue of Old House Journal.

E. Czernecki noted that there is interest in listing that building on the National Register, spurred by the research that Collin Miller has done

E. Krieger asked if this is the same Fleishmann family that made gin

C. Miller responded yes, it is the same family

Motion to approve: E. Krieger Second: W. Aldrich

**Vote:** Opposed - none Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

## 25. Cedar Lake Methodist Episcopal Church, Cedar Lake, Herkimer County

Presenter: Erin Czernecki

- Letters of support: 0
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: N/A

Guest Speaker: none

Discussion: none

Motion to approve: K. Herron                      Second: E. Krieger

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

## 26. Quaker Ridge Golf Club, Scarsdale, Westchester County

Presenter: Chelsea Towers

- Letters of support: 0
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: N/A

Guest Speaker:

Martin Davis, Club Historian

M. Davis noted that A. W. Tillinghast was one of the four pillars of the classical school of golf course design, which runs from the early 1900s to just before WWII. Quaker Ridge was Tillinghast's first great golf course, and when the other clubs saw this, such as Winged Foot across the road, Baltusrol, in New Jersey, and Bethpage State Park, they all rushed to get Tillie to do their course. More national championships, U.S. Open, Women's Open, U. S. Amateur, and PGA, have been held on courses designed by Tillinghast than any other designer. He was the master of the Par 5 hole, and the 14<sup>th</sup> hole at Quaker Ridge, often called The Sahara because of all the sand traps, might be his best Par 5 hole ever. A few years ago, the club brought in Gil Hanse, a leading golf club architect, to restore the course to the Tillinghast design, with just some lengthening of the tees. M. Davis added his thanks to the board for its consideration of the application.

Discussion: none

Motion to approve: D. Perrelli                      Second: W. Goodman

**Vote:** Opposed - none      Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

## 27. Hague Baptist Church, Hague, Warren County

Presenter: Dan Bagrow

- Letters of support: 0
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: recipient of Sacred Sites grant

Guest Speaker:

Christine Bush, AARCH

C. Bush thanked Dan for his hard work and noted that this is a great project. Glad to see the church was able to repair the steeple and keep an active congregation.

Board Discussion: none

Motion to approve: D. Perrelli Second: J. DiLorenzo

**Vote:** Opposed - none Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

## 28. St. Regis Presbyterian Church, Brighton, Franklin County

Presenter: Dan Bagrow

- Letters of support: 0
- Letters of objection: 0
- Financial incentive program: N/A

Guest Speaker:

Christine Bush, AARCH

C. Bush thanked the board

Board Discussion: none

Motion to approve: Aldrich Second: K. Herron

**Vote:** Opposed - none Abstaining - none

**The motion was approved by unanimous consent**

## **ADDITIONAL BOARD BUSINESS**

### **Fred Cawley Tribute.**

M. Lynch brought to the attention of the Board that the preservation field in New York State recently lost a giant.

Frederick D. Cawley graduated from RISD in landscape architecture and then obtained a Masters degree in Historic Preservation from Columbia University, after which he joined the newly formed New York Historic Trust, predecessor to the current SHPO and Bureau of Historic Sites. He then served as assistant director followed by executive director of the Preservation League of New York State. He rejoined the agency when brought on as executive assistant to OPRHP Commissioner Joan Davidson. He capped his career serving as director of the historic preservation graduate program at RPI, from which several of our current and former staff graduated, including Beth Cumming, Sloane Bullough, and Elizabeth Martin.

Fred had been in failing health in recent years, and went into hospice care in March, where he died in early May. He was a staunch, dedicated preservationist who saved many buildings and landscapes in his career and touched the lives of many professionals in the field.

W. Aldrich added the Fred was a great friend to preservation in New York State in so many different respects. Wint got to know Fred when he was at the League, then later as Joan Davidson's executive assistant, and in the years since at RPI, and as a leader in the preservation movement in the city of Troy. Wint noted that we will miss him, and felt it is most appropriate that the State Review Board for Historic Preservation recognize individuals, like Fred, as they pass from the scene.

### **A Missed Anniversary**

W. Aldrich brought to the Board's attention that June 1<sup>st</sup> recently passed was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the Office of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Environmental Conservation in 1970. It was an important moment in the organization of these programs on behalf of the people of the state of New York, concentrating all historic sites and recreational parks into a single agency. Sadly, because of COVID, the anniversary could not be properly recognized.

Perhaps it will be later in the year when we can once again congregate. At OPRHP we rejoice in our independence and wish the DEC great good fortune in the years to come.

[Secretary's note: Wint Aldrich served as Deputy Commissioner in DEC, and was twice appointed Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation in OPRHP]

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional action required of the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by D. Perrelli and seconded by W. Goodman.

**Voice vote with none opposed. Motion carried.**  
**Meeting adjourned at 1:26 PM**

Prepared and submitted by Board Secretary Michael Lynch

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