


## Re: Heritage Group - Meeting Notes for 1/20/22 meeting held

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Agenda - Heritage Working Group 16 February 2022.pdf; Binder-Proposal to Village of Philmont 11-24-21.pdf;

Hi everyone,

Here's the next set of Summary Notes from the meeting we held last night. The tentative Agenda for the next Heritage meeting scheduled for Wednesday February 16th 5.30pm -6.30pm. Tobi - let us know if you would prefer the Thursday same time - LMK - then I will email the Zoom invite - same for anyone else.

If there is a topic anyone would like to add to the Agenda attached for the next meeting - please do so by responding to this email.

If you see anything I have left out of the Summary Notes below - please respond to this email using "Reply All."

Here are the Summary Notes from last night's meeting:

Attendees: Tobi, Shawn, Arthur, and Sally

### 1. **Arthur – report about conversation with Robina Ward – Town of Hillsdale**

a) the Town's experience and Robina's tips for gathering community consensus for the Hillsdale Historic District.

Arthur reported back to the group on his conversation with Robina Ward about Hillsdale's experience of creating their historic district. Two major stumbling blocks were encountered at the community level:

1. The community were against setting up a Preservation Commission (so that was dropped from the nomination.)
2. Many property owners, (mostly 2nd homeowners) were concerned about property taxes going up by Assessment if properties were improved and/or restored.

Arthur's feedback prompted a conversation about the need to be pro-active to head off these two issues, and perhaps to dedicate the next flyer to go out in the water bill to address these two topics. Perhaps we can engage Charlie Brewer, the Assessor for Philmont & Claverack to come help us out with a presentation about how Assessments are done and if renovating a property automatically results in the property taxes going up. Sally will outreach to Charlie.

It was confirmed that the Heritage Group have decided a Preservation Commission would not go down well in Philmont at this time, and have already advised the Village Govt. in the Heritage Proposal to not pursue a Local Govt. Certification that would require the Village govt to form a Commission. (see Proposal attached for group's reference again.)

Sally asked Arthur if next time he was talking to Robina to ask her if she would be willing to join in on a Heritage Group Zoom to talk about those 2 topics and any other insights we should be aware of in our effort to get the Philmont Survey nominated by PARKS.

Arthur reported Hillsdale used Larson & Fisher in Woodstock to assist with the Historic District. Sally responded that more than likely this company assisted with the Cultural Survey and then the next step of writing the nomination, and that we have both those elements in hand working with the preservation specialist, Jessie Ravage who authored the Survey for Philmont, and that we are working directly with [PARKS](#). Sally would do a google search. This is correct - here's a link to [Larson & Fisher Associates resume](#).

Sally gave a very quick update on how the Heritage work is benefitting the village in response to the proposed Clover Reach housing development above Summit Lake, which has been submitted by the DEC to PARKS for a review of plans to which PARKS will respond to the Philmont Planning Board with a PARKS review & stipulations. Here's the link of anyone is interested to see the high-level review that will be done by PARKS:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/PAR/14.09>

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We briefly touched on the possibility that Matt Kierstead's presentation for 20 Feb may need to be rescheduled due to Covid.

We briefly touched on Shawn & Sally postponing the Post Office dot survey outreach to when we are past the current Covid surge and people may be more willing then to hang out, talk, and do the dot survey.

Arthur then had to leave the meeting at around 6.10pm due to work schedules.

We lost Shawn at this point due to Zoom connectively.

Tobi & Sally continued, and Tobi came up with an idea of holding series of Heritage presentations in the warmer weather starting in late May at the Library Pavilion. Maybe include a music presentation as a little taste of entertainment for the beginning of an event. Ideas for these are included on the next meeting Agenda for group discussion and additional ideas.

Meeting ended at around 6.30pm.

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**Subject:** Heritage Group - Meeting Notes for 12/15/21 meeting held

Hi everyone.

Another good and fast paced meeting yesterday starting & ending on time!

Attached is the Agenda for our next meeting - scheduled for January Wednesday 19th at 5.30pm-6.30pm

And here are the Summary Notes from last night's meeting:

Attendees: Shawn, Arthur, and Sally

### **1. Review of Village of Philmont Board response to Heritage Proposal**

Sally reported the Village of Philmont Board approved #3 on the proposal - to include the flyer proposed in the January water bill. The Board will review the other 5 items on the proposal in the January Board meeting under "Unfinished Business."

We discussed that due to the new variant of Covid - it may not be possible to hold a Village Hall meeting in February for the Matthew Kirstead presentation and Matthew's reluctance to present in Zoom. Sally has suggested to Kirstead that she find an additional presenter to "share" the burden of a Zoom webinar and that she & Matt would talk in a couple of days to see how he is feeling about doing the presentation. Sally will outreach to Jennifer Betsworth at PARKS to get some ideas of who she may know who can talk about case studies where historic districts and use of tax-credits improved revitalization, etc. in a community. Sally will let everyone know by email of those outcomes as it could affect the copy of the flyer.

## 2. Discussion & Review of Excel Worksheet - TIMELINE

Discuss community outreach ideas for January to time in with water bill insert flyer for January.

General discussion about this topic which netted the result for a Saturday morning dot survey and flyer as a handout to be done outside the Post Office - mid- January after the flyer has gone out in the water bill. Discussion that many seniors visit the PO on a Saturday morning - so this outreach will reach seniors- many who own homes and many who do not attend Zoom meetings and/or communicate with email, etc.

Moving along - we wrote down four questions to be asked in the dot survey. Yes & No dot answers. These are the questions:

1. Do you want to help preserve historic building in Philmont?
2. Do you think Philmont should have a Historic District?
3. Are you interested in hearing more about this?
4. Do you think preserving buildings in Philmont is something that will help improve the village?

Meeting ended with Arthur updating the group about his contact with Robina Ward who serves on the Town of Hillsdale Board and her willingness to share with Arthur by telephone how Hillsdale went about gathering community consensus for the town's Historic District and any tips she may have.

Arthur hopes to have this phone call before the next meeting - so we decided to add his report back to the group as #1 on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6.25pm



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## PROPOSAL TO THE VILLAGE OF PHILMONT BOARD



**Date:** 24 November 2021

**To:** Village of Philmont

**From:** Heritage Working Group

Tobi Farley, Director, Philmont Library

Shawn Jennings, resident, local historian

Arthur King, resident, business owner

Sarah Barton-King, resident, business owner

Sally Baker, PBI, (BOA & LWRP) Project Management

### **Proposal Summary:** NOMINATION OF THE VILLAGE OF PHILMONT HISTORIC DISTRICT

This proposal outlines the Work Plan for two phases aimed at reaching the community consensus required to submit an application to the NYS Parks, Recreation, & Historic Preservation by May 2023 to Nominate the Village of Philmont Historic District based on the resource evaluation and recommendation received from NYS PARKS in March 2021 attached to this proposal.

This proposal recommends the Village of Philmont:

1. The Village of Philmont pursue the Nomination as a stand-alone application not requiring the Village of Philmont to prepare a Certified Local Government Program application to PARKS that requires approving a local preservation ordinance that meets state and federal requirements for designation of historic resources, composition of commission, and review processes.
2. Accept letters of interest from residents & business owners to be appointed by the BOA Grant Committee to serve on the Heritage Working Group under the BOA grant project (2020-2025) as a continuation of the Cultural Resource Survey funded in part by BOA funds.
3. Approve the inclusion of Heritage Working Group flyers to be inserted into quarterly water bills from January 2022 to April 2023 (six flyers in total) to assist with gathering the community consensus required for the Nomination to be submitted to NYS PARKS by May 2023.
4. Approve the use of the Village Hall for a Heritage Working Group presentation in February 2022 to be held with guest speakers to inform the local government and the community on the benefits of Historic Districts, Heritage Tourism, and Heritage Trails.
5. Prepare a Village of Philmont Resolution for the January 2022 Village Board meeting to approve PBI to prepare and submit a grant proposal to the Preservation League of NYS (Preserve New York program) for \$10,000 to hire a preservation specialist to author the Nomination. (Estimated submission date for the grant proposal is March 2022).
6. The Village of Philmont allocate \$5,000 in the 2022-2023 Village Budget to be designated as matching fees to hire the preservation consultant estimated at a total cost of \$25,000 to author the Nomination if the grant from Preserve New York is awarded to support the Nomination process.

**WORK PLAN – continues on page 2**

## **Heritage Working Group WORK PLAN: (see timeline attached)**

### **Phase 1 – October 2021 to September 2022**

- a) Heritage Working Group to hold a monthly meeting with PBI to advise, promote, and assist with the Nomination process including making recommendations to the BOA Grant Committee to submit to the Village of Philmont Board for approvals.
- b) Prepare six flyers for inclusion into quarterly water bills from January 2022 to April 2023.
- c) Collaborate with PBI to prepare a Heritage Working Group presentation to be held in February 2022 in the Village Hall with guest speakers.
- d) Conduct community outreach in February & March to gather community consensus through the use of a survey, (print & virtual), a community petition to support the Nomination.
- e) Collaborate with PBI to prepare a grant proposal to Preserve New York to hire a preservation specialist to author the Nomination.

### **Phase 2 – October 2022 to June 2023**

- a) Depending on if a Preserve New York grant is awarded in July 2022 – continue to gather community consensus to support a Nomination.
- b) Strategize, design, organize and hold community outreach events involving community volunteers including, a table at Community Day, and other events such as staging pop-up tent dot surveys in high traffic areas such as outside the Post Office, parks, and parking lots of local businesses.
- c) Advise the Village of Philmont periodically if the goal of 60% of property owners (or more) support the Nomination by May 2023.
- d) If the 60% goal has been reached, coordinate with PBI for the final submission of the Nomination to PARKS by May 2023.
- e) Recommend to the Village of Philmont by April 2023 if the timing is right to submit the Nomination to PARKS.