

# HERITAGE WORKING GROUP MEETING

## SUMMARY NOTES

DATE: 15 June 2022 – 5.30pm –6.30pm

Attendees: Tobi Farley, Arthur King, Karen Davala, Paul Naprstek, Mark Katz, Sally Baker PBI, Guest – Robina Ward Town of Hillsdale Councilmember.

### SUMMARY NOTES:

#### 1. Comments on Draft of Summary Notes 5/25/22 meeting

No comments received. Meeting Notes will be published to PBI webpage.

#### 2. Intro & “Welcome!” for new members to the Heritage Working Group

Sally introduced Mark Katz as a new member. Mark spoke about he and his wife newly owning a historic house in the village, and his interest in helping create the Village of Philmont Historic District.

#### 3. Detailed conversation about the logistics involved in the **Matt Kierstead - Heritage Consulting presentation in the Village Hall – July 10<sup>th</sup>.**

- a) Matt will lead off with his presentation – 45 mins
- b) Floor will open to Robina Ward to talk about her involvement in creating the Town of Hillsdale Historic District as a homeowner, her involvement in making sure the Town had a good Assessor, and the eventual path to becoming an elected official.
- c) Floor will open to Karen Davala to talk about how properties are assessed by the Assessor, and engage in attendee questions asking about if a Historic District automatically leads to higher property taxes.
- d) Floor will open to attendees Q&A.
- e) PBI and Library will coordinate on flyers posted.
- f) PBI will send event notice of presentation to local papers.
- g) PBI will set up Village Hall on morning of the presentation.

#### 4. Update on Preserve New York grant application

- a) We should expect to hear 2<sup>nd</sup> week in July.
- b) Update on renovations for 56 Main Street – aka Hopkins House

Sally (PBI) informed the group the property is included in the Summit Lake and its Watercourse BOA plan as a selected site. As such, PBI assembled the historic preservation tax-credit team for the property owner to receive assistance from PBI, SHPO, PARKS, Preservations Studios, and Jessie Ravage the preservation specialist who is currently writing the nomination for 56 Main Street (as a stand-alone building while the historic district is still in its nomination phase) in order for the property to receive preservation tax-credits to assist with the extensive renovations planned for the property.

#### 5. Schedule next meeting

Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup>, 5.30pm-6.30pm