

MINUTES

190th MEETING

**NEW YORK STATE BOARD FOR
HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

December 8, 2022

**New York State Museum
Huxley Auditorium
Albany, New York
Virtual option for the public via WebEx webinar**

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The meeting was held in person in the Huxley Auditorium of the New York State Museum.

The following people attended the meeting (* denotes remote participation via WebEx):

SRB Members

Wint Aldrich
Carol Clark
Jay DiLorenzo
Wayne Goodman
Kristin Herron, Acting Chair
Erika Krieger
Jennifer Lemak
Gretchen Sorin*
Chuck Vandrei

Division for Historic Preservation Staff

Daniel Bagrow
Virginia Bartos
Jennifer Betsworth
Daniel Boggs
Olivia Brazee*
Sloane Bullough*
James Carter
Beth Cumming*
Erin Czernecki
Molly Donahue
William Floyd*
Kathy Howe
William Krattinger
Kathleen LaFrank
Aine Leader-Nagy
Daniel Mackay
Linda Mackey*
Daniel McEneny
Derek Rhode*
Michael Schifferli*
Robyn Sedgwick*
Sydney Snyder*
Chelsea Towers
Jennifer Walkowski
Michelle Wiegert

Guests

Melissa Andrade, PAL*
Eryn Boyce, PAL*
Maureen Cavanaugh, PAL*
Chris Cirillo*
Daniel Hurley*
Marissa Marvelli
Frank Moscovitz*
Daria Merwin

David Rocco*
Jessica Vavrsek*

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Kristin Herron at 10:31 a.m. She welcomed everyone to the 190th meeting of the New York State Board for Historic Preservation. This hybrid meeting includes guests both in person and virtually through WebEx. Kristin is serving as the Acting Chair for today's meeting in Chair Doug Perelli's absence. The roll was called, during which the following responded as present (in person) and briefly described their role or function as it relates to their service on this board.

- Kristin Herron: Program Director for Architecture and Design and Museums at the New York State Council on the Arts
- Wint Aldrich: Historian, former Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation
- Carol Clark: former Deputy Commissioner at NYS Parks, Adjunct Professor of Historic Preservation at Columbia University, Pratt Institute, and the NYU School of Professional Studies
- Jay DiLorenzo: President, Preservation League of NYS
- Wayne Goodman: Executive Director, Landmark Society of Western New York
- Erika Krieger: Registered Architect representing the NYS Department of State
- Jennifer Lemak: Chief Curator of History, New York State Museum, State Education Department
- Chuck Vandrei: Archaeologist, Agency Preservation Officer, Department of Environmental Conservation

There being **eight** members participating, a quorum was confirmed.

State Review Board member Gretchen Sullivan Sorin, Historian and Director of the Cooperstown Graduate Program in Museum Studies, participated in the meeting remotely. Board secretary Kathy Howe noted that while Gretchen's remote participation was welcome, she could not vote under the Open Meetings Law, which requires in-person attendance to be part of the quorum and vote.

Absent were board members Douglas Perelli and Bryan Erwin.

Approval of Past Minutes

Kathy Howe, board secretary, noted that she had not received any corrections or comments from board members for the draft minutes of the September 8, 2022, State Review Board meeting (189th Meeting). Kristin asked board members if they had any comments or questions; there being none, she asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion to approve: Wint Aldrich

Second: Erika Krieger

Abstentions: 0 Opposed: 0

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Deputy Commissioner's Report

Daniel Mackay

Daniel Mackay said that it was a pleasure to see SRB members in person. He thanked the board members for making the effort to travel today and reconvene, face-to-face. He thanked the members for their accommodations and patience with all that was required to continue the work of the board

throughout the pandemic. Daniel said that Chair Doug Perelli conveyed his regrets about being unable to attend today's meeting. Daniel thanked Kristin for stepping into the chair role and leading today's meeting.

As the year closes, Daniel wanted to acknowledge and thank the senior leadership team at the Division for Historic Preservation. Nancy Herter, Kathy Howe, Dan McEneny and Greg Smith have established themselves as a cohesive, supportive, and highly collaborative team and they are leading the Division's staff to new accomplishments, maintaining a national leadership position across long-established programs and launching new initiatives and capabilities within the office. Among their accomplishments is securing a significant increase in staff for the Division; we have added 12 staff in total, as follows:

Paige Schmidt, Conservation
Lauren Ross, Conservation
Victoria Reisman, Curatorial
William Floyd, Technical Preservation
Aine Leader-Nagy, Community Engagement/Outreach

Newly in place since our last meeting:
Medaya Ussery, Administrative
Sydney Snyder, Archaeology
Jessica Vavrsek, Archaeology
Molly Donahue, Community Engagement/Grants
KC Ventura, Collections
Sarah Center, Collections
Kim Hill, Interpretation

Kim Hill is the agency's and the interpretive unit's first interpreter of Native American history. She is a member of the Seneca Tonawanda tribe from Western New York. We are very pleased that she is bringing her insight and cultural perspective to the interpretive challenges that we undertake for exhibit design and also for the cultural informing that she will do across a range of agency operations.

He said that we are pursuing two additional critical fill approvals, including the hiring of a new painting conservator, as our long-serving conservator, Mary Betlejeski, retired in late summer.

Daniel highlighted the continuing accomplishments of the staff overseeing federal and state historic tax credits for commercial, owner-occupied residential, and historic barns. In terms of the federal rehabilitation tax credit use, we project we will once again claim the national No. 1 ranking, with over \$1 billion in completed projects certified in the Federal Fiscal Year ending in September. The National Park Service this week released the economic impact numbers from the previous federal fiscal year, a year in which NYS scored third in the nation, behind Ohio and Texas. NPS assessments indicate that tax credit use in NYS generated 9,300 jobs and \$163 million in local, state, and federal tax revenues.

Over five years, (2017-2021), NYS completed over \$4.5 billion in historic tax credit projects, generating nearly 70,000 jobs and \$1.3 billion in combined tax revenues. The federal and state credits, working together, continue to attract a steady rate of new applications. The program continues to expand from use in major cities to other locations. Elmira, Utica, and Poughkeepsie are three cities that have shown significant new use of the incentive. Ninety-three percent of the historic tax credit applications are from upstate, with about 30 percent of those projects being for affordable housing.

Daniel credited our grant unit staff for administering the second round of Paul Bruhn Rural Revitalization Grants in the Genesee Valley, in collaboration with the program's regional sponsor, the

Landmark Society of Western NY. Additionally, we have applied to administer \$825,000 in National Maritime Heritage Grants; we should know if we've been awarded this funding in February. Additionally, we have applied for capital funding for the Senate House State Historic Site in Kingston from the National Park Service grant pool for Revolutionary War sites. Our application last year secured funding for Fort Niagara State Historic Site on western Lake Ontario.

Finally, Daniel highlighted the re-opening of Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site in Yonkers. This site was closed in June 2020 for a comprehensive restoration of the house and landscape and a transformative interpretive overhaul that resulted in 2,800 square feet of first-ever permanent exhibits at this site and an expansive "virtual wing" that will elevate this site's history and associated documents and research for a global audience. This is the first site fully transformed under the agency's "Our Whole History" initiative, which intends to engage the public with more complete and detailed documentation of New York's diverse history. At Philipse Manor Hall, this approach elevates the history of Native Americans, enslaved Africans, and tenant farmers.

Governor Hochul joined Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Parks and Tourism Committee Chair Danny O'Donnell at the ribbon cutting with remarks that applauded and challenged the agency to continue to undertake this scale of interpretive and capital improvements throughout the historic site system.

The restored Gothic Chamber, newly accessible on the Manor Hall's second floor via a newly built elevator and service tower, would make a very appropriate site for a future SRB meeting. The site looks forward to hosting.

Daniel said that this concluded his formal remarks but that he is fully expecting Wint to ask where things might stand with the state budget and federal funding.

Wint began by stating that, once again, it speaks well of New Yorkers that, from an early time, they've been prepared to tell the story of the Tories in the context of the Revolution. Johnson Hall in upstate New York and Philipse Manor Hall are the two most significant properties in that respect. There would have been no Revolution if we were not revolting against something, and that's really what the Philipse family and Johnson and his son were all about.

Wint said that the Bond Act passed overwhelmingly. He has not seen a detailed breakdown of where the money is going and what the priorities are, but he is assuming that some of it will go toward historic sites and other programs that we have a particular interest in at this board.

Daniel responded that if you measure the Bond Act against other statewide proposals on the ballot it was more successful than any other campaign. He said that it clearly showed strong bipartisan support across all regions of the state from upstate to Long Island. He added that it is quite a remarkable signal that the governor and agencies should pay attention to. It is very much focused on renewables, climate change, and resiliency. The agency faces resiliency challenges throughout the parks and historic site system. There are specifically 625 million dollars set aside for open space acquisition and related components and we can foresee that those monies will not only be used to further expand the state park system and to help buffer state park lands but will offer potential for historic site acquisition and expansion. Although superficially the Bond Act is primarily associated with the Department of Environmental Conservation, our agency is very much anticipating there will be direct benefits and direct programmatic responsibilities established within the \$4.1 billion commitment. Daniel added that every dollar of Bond Act spending in New York will come through the Division for Historic Preservation from a compliance review perspective. We have begun documenting the need for additional staff in the compliance unit to handle that volume of review activity to make sure the agency is reviewing and

identifying concerns or clearing those projects promptly to allow work to get underway. Even though other parts of the agency are looking at very specific funding pools and programs, we were reminding the Commissioner just yesterday that all \$4.1 billion has to roll through the Division for Historic Preservation.

Wint urged that site managers and other regional managers be encouraged to identify land acquisition targets that are significant for the parks and historic sites in their purview. He said that he might send in a few suggestions to the agency, as this is one of those opportunities that is not likely to come again anytime soon. Wint added that Daniel has brought such good news, financial and otherwise. He said that the personnel report was marvelous. Daniel responded that we have additional staffing requests pending and we have been very pleased with the generation of staff that has joined us in the last two years. DHP has great creative energy and a very diverse talent and experience base.

Nomination Reviews

Chelsea Towers, Survey and National Register Coordinator, thanked everyone for joining us in person today as well as any guests participating remotely through WebEx, especially nomination sponsors and consultants who have worked tirelessly with our National Register staff to prepare the nominations you will see today. We have thirteen nominations up for consideration and you can see their geographic distribution on the map shown in this PPT presentation. Of this number five are in support of commercial tax credit applications. She thanked Kathy Howe and Kath Frank who helped guide her through the preparation of her first SRB meeting as Unit Coordinator. She also thanked Virginia Bartos who helped assemble the slide presentation. Chelsea reminded guests who are joining the meeting remotely that they are welcome to offer comments following the presentation but to please introduce themselves first.

Nomination 1: Pines of Perinton Apartments, Perinton, Monroe County

Presenter: Virginia Bartos

Discussion: Following Virginia's presentation she said that the nomination was prepared by architectural historians Melissa Andrade, Jill Miller, and Virginia Adams of the Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. (PAL) of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. The property received its Part 1 approval for a federal rehabilitation tax credit in August 2021 but, due to a fire that destroyed a small part of the complex, that application had to be amended to reflect the minor rebuilding. Virginia introduced Maureen Kavanaugh and Melissa Andrade of PAL who participated in today's meeting remotely.

Melissa Andrade thanked the SHPO and National Park Service staff for their help in completing the nomination. The complex represents architecture of the recent past. She added that Winn Development appreciate the architectural and historic significance of this property and they look forward to its listing and undertaking a rehabilitation of it through the historic tax credit programs to provide quality affordable housing.

Wint Aldrich noted that the nomination presents a very interesting history of UDC and all the politics that surrounded that organization. He was interested to read that UDC still exists buried within a larger state enterprise. It is perhaps no coincidence that Perinton was the first township in New York State that had adopted a local ordinance to exact from the sellers of land in the town, especially open land like farms, a percentage of value which was put right into a land bank and committed to acquiring conservation easements throughout the town. This is something that other states and communities have continued, but it started in Perinton. Wint added that it may not be a coincidence that at the same time, they are realizing that they have to find a way to provide housing for people who can't afford to build their own homes.

Motion to approve: Wint Aldrich
Second: Carol Clark
Abstentions: 0
Vote: Recommended 8 in favor, 0 opposed

Nomination 2: T.O. Castle & Son Store, Millville, Orleans County

Presenter: Virginia Bartos

Discussion: none.

Motion to approve: Wayne Goodman
Second: Jennifer Lemak
Abstentions: 0
Vote: Recommended 8 in favor, 0 opposed

Nomination 3: Avalon Knitting Company Mill, Utica, Oneida County

Presenter: Erin Czernecki

Discussion: none.

Motion to approve: Jay DiLorenzo
Second: Charles Vandrei
Abstentions: 0
Vote: Recommended 8 in favor, 0 opposed

Nomination 4: Central Lansingburgh Historic District, Troy, Rensselaer County

Presenter: Erin Czernecki

Erin noted at the end of her presentation that the nomination was sponsored by the City of Troy and the Troy Redevelopment Foundation. We have only received one letter of objection from a property owner in the district.

Discussion: Kristin asked what the concerns were of the owner who sent us the objection. Erin responded that the person who objected had attended the public meeting and expressed concern at that time over what kind of oversight our agency has over a private property owner who wishes to make changes to their property. Kristin acknowledged the tremendous amount of work that went into preparing this district nomination with its 600 buildings. She also commented that although the period of significance starts in 1770, she appreciated that the indigenous people who were first on this land were acknowledged and discussed in the nomination.

Wint also added that it is a very ambitious piece of work and wonderfully realized. He asked if Troy City Hall and the Planning Board had given their blessing to the nomination. Erin responded that, yes, the city has been supportive of this historic district for many years and they were part of the community outreach efforts so that the property owners were kept apprised of the proposed district as it progressed. A representative from the city planning department participated in the public meeting.

Carol concurred with what both Kristin and Wint said and complimented consultant Marissa Marvelli, one of her former students, who did an outstanding job on this major project.

Daniel Mackay noted that if you look at the map in the presentation you will see that Peebles Island is just across the river to the west of the Central Lansingburgh Historic District; further west is the Downtown Cohoes Historic District and, to the north, is the Waterford Village Historic District. This nomination has been long in development and long wished for, and long seen by many of our staff who live in Troy as a real goal. He is very pleased that the city advanced it to us, and he sees opportunity for other programmatic activity now that this nomination is in place in Lansingburgh.

Motion to approve: Kristin Herron

Second: Wint Aldrich

Abstentions: 0

Vote: Recommended 8 in favor, 0 opposed

Nomination 5: Amphion Piano Player Factory, Syracuse, Onondaga County

Presenter: James Carter

James noted at the end of his presentation that this nomination comes to us through the commercial rehabilitation tax credit program and that the National Park Service approved the Part 1 application. A letter in support of the nomination was received from the Syracuse Landmark Preservation Board.

Discussion: none.

Motion to approve: Wayne Goodman

Second: Jay DiLorenzo

Abstentions: 0

Vote: Recommended 8 in favor, 0 opposed

Nomination 6: George C. Hanford House, Syracuse, Onondaga County

Presenter: James Carter

James noted at the end of his presentation that the Hanford House is a commercial rehabilitation tax credit project that has been approved by the National Park Service. The house now serves as a branch office and community meeting center for Pathfinder Bank. We received a letter in support of the nomination from the Syracuse Landmark Preservation Board.

Discussion: Kristin asked if anything was known about the stained-glass windows, as the next property on the agenda is by the same architect and worked with a very specific designer. James responded that there was nothing specifically called out in the nomination regarding the designer of the stained glass.

Wint said that it is great that a bank has taken on this rehabilitation project, and it looks like they are doing a good job.

Motion to approve: Erika Krieger

Second: Jennifer Lemak

Abstentions: 0

Vote: Recommended 8 in favor, 0 opposed

Nomination 7: St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church and Parsonage, Syracuse, Onondaga County

Presenter: James Carter

At the conclusion of his presentation, James stated that St Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church and Parsonage came to us as an honorific listing by the owner, Unity of Syracuse, which hopes to utilize the listing in pursuit of a Sacred Sites grant through the New York Landmarks Conservancy. We received a letter in support of the nomination from the Syracuse Landmark Preservation Board. James noted that the property falls within an area recently determined National Register-eligible by our office as the Onondaga Village Green Historic District as part of the City of Syracuse Phase 3 Comprehensive Reconnaissance-level Historic Resources Survey.

Discussion: Wint commented that the ceiling of the church is marvelous and appears to be in very good condition. He said that it must provide terrific acoustics for the services.

Motion to approve: Wint Aldrich

Second: Carol Clark

Abstentions: 0

Vote: Recommended 8 in favor, 0 opposed

Nomination 8: Schoellkopf Hall, Niagara Falls, Niagara County

Presenter: Bill Krattinger

Discussion: Daniel thanked Bill for preparing this nomination which, if listed, will position the building for potential rehabilitation tax credits under a long-term lease. He also thanked State Parks regional staff and Derek Rohde, our DHP technical staff person now based in Buffalo. He said that this is a very distinguished building sitting in DeVeaux Woods State Park that has not served any practical purpose for the park. Daniel gave credit to Regional Director Mark Mistretta and his staff for their willingness to pre-position the property through National Register listing for a new RFP that, hopefully, will attract redevelopment interest in the building through the use of the rehabilitation tax credits. Five years ago one of the enhancements made to the state rehabilitation tax credit, which is limited to qualified census tracts throughout the state, was to make all state park properties eligible regardless of the census tract overlay. In this case, this property without that enhancement to the state tax credit legislation would have only been eligible for federal credits, as it is in a census tract that is not otherwise qualified for the state credits. Thanks to the legislative enhancement we now have the combined opportunity of 40 percent state and federal credits working to support the potential development of this site. This nomination is intended to make this property rehab ready.

Daniel said that an RFP was issued about five years ago to attract developers but there was no effort at that time to note the possibility of federal credit availability for that project and there was, of course, no availability of the state credit then, as it was before the requested program changes. Very little interest was shown in the redevelopment of this property at that time. Nonetheless, the region has done fairly significant work to stabilize the building and to try to prevent public intrusion. Daniel said that the new RFP combined with the prequalification that the building is eligible for federal and state credits will hopefully attract new interest and allow reinvestment at this site.

He noted that there is another state park property that may beat this one to the finish line, which is at Nissequogue River State Park, the former Kings Park Psychiatric Center, on Long Island. State Parks is advancing a Part 1 tax credit application for a specific building at that park where developer interest has already been expressed for a specific facility. He concluded that five years following the

enhancement to state credit legislation we're certainly very pleased that we are seeing opportunities for two State Park-owned assets that would otherwise go unused that are now being positioned for partnerships with outside developers and may allow us to steward these properties under new program guidelines.

Erika asked what the plans are for reuse. Daniel responded that the building would be used for residential development. He said that we would expect the National Park Service to require that the basic public layout of the building with its corridors remain the same but we would be allowed to open up some access from room to room to provide for a greater diversity of apartment sizes. At this point, we are focused on getting the building to rehab-ready status. Daniel said that the nomination will help inform the RFP that the Niagara Region is developing.

Wint asked whether the buildings that are now gone would have been looked at in the same context had they been surviving at the time of the State Parks acquisition. Were the buildings that were lost less significant than the one that survived? Bill responded that a lot of the buildings were lost under the previous ownership of Niagara University and not on our watch.

Wint said this reminds him of the situation with Parrott Hall in Geneva. Though Wint said that he didn't know the current status of Parrott Hall, he said that there are parallels in that it was in academic use and nobody could figure out how to pay to stabilize it and find a new use. He asked what would happen here at Schoellkopf Hall if no one takes up the challenge of turning this into residential housing. Daniel said that beyond stabilization he doesn't think the agency foresees any specific internal use that would stimulate the level of investment needed to rehabilitate the building. If this RFP is not successful, we are likely facing continued deterioration and perhaps a move to demolish and remove it as a public hazard or carrying costs for the agency. We are hopeful for a positive outcome for Schoellkopf Hall.

Jay reported good news on Parrott Hall, noting that Phase One of the stabilization is done. The roof structure has been replaced by a new roof. The upper courses of the masonry that were deteriorated have been repaired. The veranda roofs are covered with tarps and the interior has been stabilized. Thanks to grants from New York State and the partnership with the Landmark Society of Western New York, the work continues. Ultimately tenants will be sought for the building to find a new compatible use. Wayne said that the Landmark Society has been pleased with the progress made at Parrott Hall and he thanked Jay for the advocacy work done by the League at the state level to bring attention to the project.

Motion to approve: Erika Krieger

Second: Wayne Goodman

Abstentions: 0

Vote: Recommended 8 in favor, 0 opposed

Nomination 9: Fireboat McKean Preamble

Presenter: Daniel Boggs

Discussion: Before the nomination presentation Chelsea Towers shared with the board the following recent development regarding the nomination.

The vessel is owned by the Fireboat McKean Preservation Project, a non-profit organization formed with the mission of preserving the vessel for future educational use. The fireboat has found a home at the Tarrytown Boat & Yacht Club in Westchester Co. The marina in which it is docked is owned by the

municipality which has a long-term lease with the yacht club. The club has expressed its verbal support of the nomination and the non-profit's mission by allocating space to dock the vessel long-term.

As part of every nomination, it is standard procedure to notify elected officials, historians, and municipalities, offering them the opportunity to comment on the nomination. Following this procedure, the Tarrytown municipality was notified of the pending nomination as of November 2nd. Yesterday morning we received a letter from the municipality requesting a sixty-day postponement before bringing this nomination to the attention of the State Review Board. Tarrytown requests the postponement to allow for additional time to review and submit comments on the application. The board has been provided with a copy of the municipality's letter. Although this is not a formal objection, it is worth acknowledging before this presentation.

SHPO has been in communication with our representative at the National Park Service who maintains that although an objection by the municipality would be taken into consideration, in this case, it would not prohibit listing, as Tarrytown is not a certified local government.

Traditionally, our office has honored a municipality's request, should they need more time to review, however, the non-profit owner has demonstrated its commitment to pursuing funding opportunities to rehabilitate the vessel, some of which may rely on National Register listing. On behalf of the Governor, our office has supported one such grant opportunity. After discussion with Deputy Commissioner Daniel Mackay, we are recommending that the board continue as scheduled with the review of the Fireboat McKean nomination.

The board has two options on how to proceed:

Option 1: The board may choose to honor the municipality's request and table the nomination for this meeting, in which case we would hold the municipality to its sixty-day timeline with the hope of presenting this nomination at the March 2023 meeting.

-or-

Option 2: The board can proceed today with the presentation and review. Subsequently, the board could decide to table the nomination in pursuit of additional information, or you may wish to proceed with a vote to list. If listing is determined appropriate, we suggest that the board resolves that the SHPO hold the nomination for sixty days post meeting before submitting the application to the National Park Service for consideration for the National Register of Historic Places. During this time, we will provide the Tarrytown municipality with any additional information they may require and continue discussion in hopes of alleviating any concerns.

Chelsea next opened it up to the board for any questions or discussion before the presentation.

Jay sought confirmation that the village doesn't own the boat and that the marina has a long-term lease with the village for the docking space. Chelsea responded that that is correct. Jay asked if the concern from the village is just that they didn't realize that the owners of the boat wished to seek listing on the National Register. Chelsea responded that this is our understanding of the situation at this moment and that we will look for comments from the village as to their specific concerns. She said that it may be just a misunderstanding about the National Register program. She said that this isn't a long-term lease and again noted that the nomination only includes the boundary of the vessel itself and not the marina/yacht club.

Erika asked if the village owns the marina. Chelsea said yes that this is correct and the long-term lease with the village is for the yacht club and not for the boat. The yacht club has allowed the boat to dock there. Jay said that the recommendation here is that we proceed with the nomination and then wait for

sixty days to submit it to the National Park Service to give time to talk to the village. Chelsea confirmed that this is correct.

For clarification, Erika asked if the designation is for the boat alone and if it could move to a different location. Chelsea said that we expressed the idea of moving the boat to another docking location to owners of the boat. Of course, under the National Park Service regulations, if the boat were to move to another location we would inform the NPS and revise the boundary. Wayne said that the village board of trustees did not consent to having the fire boat docked at the marina nor were they advised prior to the National Register application but he said that, as he understands it, the yacht club has full authority to lease the dock spaces as they choose. So it is our understanding that the village board does not have the authority to approve what boats get docked at the marina.

Chelsea said that she doubts that anyone is questioning the eligibility of the boat itself but that it is a larger issue between the yacht club and the municipality. Erika surmised that the village may be concerned that the boat will become a tourist destination, which may raise issues of parking and traffic and that people in the neighborhood might be concerned about this kind of impact.

Wint said that it could be another situation saying that perhaps the village is concerned that the boat, which needs restoration work, could someday be a major burden to whoever owns it or is housing it and at the end of this lease that entity could be the village and then what do they do? Wint added that this is just speculation and that we should proceed as suggested by giving the village their additional sixty days after we act today, as this is a noble vessel.

Erika asked if anyone from the village is joining the meeting today. Chelsea said that they were informed yesterday of our decision to bring it to the board for consideration, in terms of the postponement, but she does not know if they are attending the meeting remotely today.

Carol noted that the boat was previously located for a long time off of the National Register-listed Pier A at the southern tip of lower Manhattan near Battery Park. The boat was obviously appreciated there in its own right and so she feels that the resource is clearly eligible and would urge the board to move forward.

Kristin asked if anyone from the board wishes to make a motion to table the nomination today. As no one made a motion to table the nomination Dan Boggs proceeded with the formal presentation of the nomination.

Presentation: Launched in 1954, The *John D. McKean* Fireboat marked a technological leap forward in fireboat design and is locally significant under Criterion C in the area of engineering as a highly intact and pioneering Fireboat.

The *John D. McKean* is equipped with six monitors capable of spraying water in all directions, each delivering up to 3,000 gallons per minute.

The *John D. McKean* retains much of her original equipment. Here in the engine room can be seen part of the pumping apparatus delivering water to the topside firefighting equipment.

Prominent among the trailblazing features of the *John D. McKean* was the installation of dedicated diesel engines to power the water pumping systems separately from the diesel engines used to power the propulsion. The *John D. McKean* Fireboat is capable of towing a burning vessel at full power while simultaneously pumping water at full power.

The *John D. McKean* included accommodations for four crew members in case of extended calls and featured an innovative pilothouse with increased viewing area and direct redundant engine and steering controls. Other innovations throughout the vessel include a smoke removal and oxygenation system for the engine room, heaters to warm the engine lubricants so the fireboat can immediately respond to fire calls, and a remote-controlled water monitor atop the central tower able to shoot water hundreds of feet without the need of any manual operation.

In service from 1955 to 2010, the *John D. McKean* participated in many life-saving calls. Among these were the Manhattan Staten Island Ferry Terminal Fire in September 1991, the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, and the US Airways Flight 1549, "Miracle on the Hudson" emergency crash landing in the Hudson River in January 2009 - shown here. That's the *John D. McKean* screen left.

The *John D. McKean* met all expectations in the performance of her duties in more than fifty years of service. Today the integrity of this vessel is very high to her as-built design and she retains nearly all of her original equipment, witness to the effectiveness of the many innovations she pioneered.

This nomination has a letter of support from the Hudson River Valley Greenway Conservancy.

Discussion: Kristin said if anyone on the board would like to make a motion in regard to this nomination to please be explicit in whether you're moving that it be approved or that you are moving it be approved with the stipulations that Chelsea laid out which was to hold the nomination for sixty days before submitting it to the National Park Service or something else if you would so choose. Daniel suggested that the following modification be made to the motion by saying "up to sixty days" because if we hear from Tarrytown in advance of that we would be happy to advance it to Washington at that time. Jay agreed and amended it saying that he is making a motion to approve the nomination contingent upon holding it for up to sixty days before submitting it to the National Park Service.

Motion to approve: Jay DiLorenzo

Second: Wayne Goodman

Abstentions: 0

Vote: Recommended 8 in favor, 0 opposed

Nomination 10: Harder Knitting Mill, Hudson, Columbia County

Presenter: Jennifer Betsworth

Jennifer noted at the end of her presentation that the nomination was prepared by Preservation Studios and that the National Parks Service approved a Part 1 tax credit application for the building.

Discussion: Wint asked what the plans are for the building. Jennifer said that the building is likely to be rehabilitated for housing. Gretchen Sorin said that the property looked like a sweatshop. She asked Jennifer if she thought that the nomination reflected the dangerousness of the business. Jennifer said that the nomination talked about that to some degree and also visually reinforces that because some of the period photos show the poor working conditions.

Motion to approve: Jay DiLorenzo

Second: Wint Aldrich

Abstentions: 0

Vote: Recommended 8 in favor, 0 opposed

Nomination 11: Ichabod Crane Schoolhouse, Kinderhook, Columbia County

Presenter: Jennifer Betsworth

Discussion: Kristin appreciated the museological discussion about the development of the Columbia County Historical Society with this building and the literary context.

Motion to approve: Kristin Herron

Second: Erika Krieger

Abstentions: 0

Vote: Recommended 8 in favor, 0 opposed

Nomination 12: Historic Cemeteries of the Town of East Hampton MPDF, Suffolk County

Presenter: Jennifer Betsworth

Jennifer reminded the board that with a Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) we first approve the context and then this will be followed by an individual nomination. The MPDF is a cover document or “umbrella” that is used to help make it easier to list individual resources associated with that context. The MPDF will help future authors simplify the nomination of individual cemeteries within the town of East Hampton by referring back to the context rather than repeating it. The MPDF was prepared by Zach Studenroth and Kurt Kahofer.

Discussion:

Kristin said that she very much appreciated that the MPDF addressed areas that were previously not included in 2009 documentation, including the Montauket sites and the Eastville community, thus making this more inclusive.

Motion to approve: Carol Clark

Second: Wint Aldrich

Abstentions: 0

Vote: Recommended 8 in favor, 0 opposed

Nomination 13: Van Scoy Burying Ground, Northwest Harbor, Suffolk County

Presenter: Jennifer Betsworth

Jennifer noted that this would be the first nomination to be put forward under the MPDF. The nomination was prepared by Zach Studenroth and Kurt Kahofer. We received letters of support from State Assemblyman Fred Thiele and the Town of East Hampton Architectural Review Board.

Discussion: none.

Motion to approve: Wayne Goodman

Second: Jay DiLorenzo

Abstentions: 0

Vote: Recommended 8 in favor, 0 opposed

Before breaking for a lunch recess, Daniel thanked Kristin for stepping in on short notice to the role of chair for this meeting. He also thanked the board for their consideration of the fireboat nomination. He said that we were concerned that the municipality’s objection came very late and so we wanted to

present some options to the board for consideration while respecting the request of the municipality. He felt that the board has reached a comfortable and appropriate compromise.

Erika asked for clarification from Daniel regarding the next steps for the fireboat nomination based on the fact that we have granted time for the municipality to provide their comments. Daniel said that the board's action to approve the nomination and upon his signature that the boat will be listed on the State Register of Historic Places. He added that what the board decided is to hold the nomination up to sixty days before we seek to advance it to the National Park Service for National Register consideration. Erika said she didn't understand what the point of waiting is if we have already approved the nomination. Daniel responded that an objection by the municipality would inform the National Park Service consideration of the nomination. If Tarrytown was a Certified Local Government (CLG) their objection could control the listing. Daniel believes that, at this point, the village is not fully certain as to what the ramifications of National Register listing are in the context of a municipal matter between the leaseholder of the marina and the municipality. He added that the Governor's office has been asked to support the potential award of federal funding through Senator Schumer to this vessel for its restoration. He added that we are hopeful that our agency will be receiving a NPS National Maritime Heritage grant, and the National Register listing of this vessel would be required if awarded. He said that his preference is that we do not hold up our initial deliberations on this vessel and we do not want to hold this vessel up from any potential funding for its restoration. We are also trying to balance that with a courtesy even if the concern or objection expressed by Tarrytown is misinformed or misdirected. We wanted to let Tarrytown know that we are willing to listen and receive additional information.

Erika said she agrees but she asked if we left open a mechanism to either reopen the nomination or change something if the village comes back saying that they are totally against the listing. Wint said that he thinks that it is one government entity being polite to another. Daniel said that if the municipality comes back to us within the sixty-day period with objections then the staff will evaluate that and with the board's decision in hand will proceed as necessary based on any additional information. We are not reliant on the village's support in this instance. If the village's comments were substantive, staff would inform NPS of the comments. Kathy agreed with this assessment.

The board members took a recess for lunch and then came back at 1 p.m. to discuss new business.

New Business

Proposed dates and venues for the 2023 SRB meetings: Kristin said that while there will be a hybrid component available for the public, who can join meetings remotely, under the public meetings law, board members must be at the meeting venue in person to vote. We want to be sure that we always have a quorum; seven is the minimum number required for a quorum.

After looking at calendars and discussion, the board members agreed that the 2023 meetings will take place on Thursdays, March 9, June 8, September 7, and December 7.

Wint asked if there are any vacancies that we are still waiting to fill, Kathy answered that we have two vacancies and last spring, after discussion with Doug, we put in two names which are now working their way through a long "vetting" process. We are hoping to hear soon if those candidates will be approved. Daniel said that the two pending candidate nominations are at the Governor's office. They accepted them as recommendations, and they are now both undergoing vetting. There is an expectation that at least one will be named soon, if not both. This approval would help take some of the pressure off of the board by getting our numbers back up to where they need to be. Certainly, if only one gets named and the other one does not then we will put in another name for consideration.

Jay asked if in the new year, we would be having board meetings in other locations in the state. Kathy said that we could have one of our upcoming meetings in the Gothic Chamber of Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, as they have the technology available to allow for a hybrid meeting so members of the public could have the opportunity to attend remotely. Philipse Manor Hall might be a good choice for the September SRB. Daniel also suggested going to Ganondagan State Historic Site for the June SRB meeting as the site is having an internationally significant exhibit that will be opening there in the spring in coordination with the French Embassy and French Cultural Affairs Attaché. It will be at Ganondagan for six months before moving on to two museums in Canada. The March and December meetings will likely be in Albany, possibly at 625 Broadway and the State Museum. Kathy said that she will explore all options and report back.

Wint brought up the question of what other issues the board should be addressing. Kathy said that we've had pretty packed agendas, but it would be good as we move forward into the new year to identify training opportunities or other preservation initiatives for the board. She suggested that the board might want to hear from other staff, outside of the National Register unit, on what interesting and exciting projects they are working on. Daniel said that he thinks that there is strong support for adding those kinds of items to the SRB agenda. In the past, for example, we had Christina Vagvolgyi report on the Historic Business Preservation Registry and Olivia Brazee shared information on the Historic Barn Rehabilitation Tax Credit. Daniel suggested that it would be good to get a report from Jay and Wayne on Parrott Hall. He added that we will hopefully have news in February on the NPS Maritime Heritage grant program so we would want to add that to an upcoming agenda. Should we receive the Maritime Heritage grant from NPS we'll need the board to help promote our regrant program within their constituencies.

Kathy said that it would be a good idea to invite our preservation colleagues or partners like AARCH, Historic Ithaca, the Landmark Society, the New York Landmarks Conservancy, Historic Districts Council, and others to report on what is happening in their parts of the state.

Wint said that he is interested in learning which NYS Senate and Assembly representatives and Congressional delegates are interested in preservation and can become leaders in preservation. It'd be good to know who they are and for us to find ways to encourage them and interact with them on preservation issues. He said in the past there have been elected officials who have made a huge difference in supporting the cause of historic preservation such as former senator Bernie Smith from Long Island who was highly influential in the early 1970s. Wint felt that if the board members were able to interact with state legislators and even several Congressional delegates as individuals but not as board members that this could be helpful. Daniel said that he could quickly put a list together of state legislators and even several Congress people who would be interested in the opportunity to talk about their role.

Kristin said that immediately following this meeting there is a behind-the-scenes tour of the New York State Museum and the board is encouraged to meet in the museum lobby to participate in that. She also reminded everyone that the New York State Preservation Awards will commence back here in the Huxley Auditorium at 2:30 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was requested. Wayne Goodman moved; Jay DiLorenzo seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous consent and the meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by board secretary Kathy Howe.