



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

PUBLIC HEARING

5:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Wednesday, November 6, 2013 5:30 p.m.

City Hall

Chairman Mallory called the meeting to order at 5: 30 p.m.

Nancy Cozean - 115 Hooker Avenue – technical difficulties

Holly Wahlberg – 35 Garfield Place – Read the following letter from Roy T. Budnick 317 Main Mall Corp. regarding 317 Main Street:

The building was occupied for many years by the locally important paints and wallpaper supply firm of E. B. Grant and is contiguous with the existing Main Mall historic district. The preservation of historic buildings is important in providing a livable context and scale for a community. Visitors and new residents alike are attracted to those urban areas composed largely of historic structures that exhibit architectural diversity. Those cities whose historic downtowns were decimated by Urban Renewal are far less interesting to visit. In Poughkeepsie, walking tours are periodically offered to examine historic buildings. Also, downtown Poughkeepsie has become attractive to former New York City residents in part, because of the historic character of its core. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Doug Nobiletti - 145 Academy Street – (owner of 328 and 330 Main Street; directly across the street from 317 Main) – I'm very happy that Roy Budnick was inspired by the nomination of my properties, to have his property reviewed and considered. Holly uncovered another wonderful history that shows just how important the core of our city had been to the entire community for many, many years. Businesses thrived and survived in 50 to 75 year bits. I find it very appropriate that Roy has also opened the Mid-Hudson Heritage Center, a building which celebrates the heritage in the history of Poughkeepsie. It also specializes in highlighting the cultural exchanges of the various members of the community and has had exhibits that are by far some of the most exciting and dynamic examples of what the various people in the community, the different cultures, have to offer each other in a very pleasant way through food, music and art. It's important to have this district be recognized for what it is. It's the core of our city; it's the place with

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the longest standing history for some of the most important things we have encountered as a community and I encourage you all to keep going forward and see this through. In the end, it will help lift our community. Thank you.

Harvey Flad – 115 Academy Street – Wanted to mention that the Mid-Hudson Heritage Center is a very important building in bringing tourists to Main Street. Holly [Wahlberg] mentioned tours are often given; I'm the one that often gives those tours, starting at the Mid-Hudson Heritage Center and walk up and down Main Street discussing the wonderful facades of all of those buildings. This is becoming a major tourist attraction. The Walkway-Over-the-Hudson is another. It brings over 500,000 tourist to the Poughkeepsie every year. Scenic Hudson and the Walkway have been creating districts in the City with signage that will bring some of those tourists down into the City – into these various districts. I've been involved with the creation of the signs which will potentially bring the tourism to Main Street. It's going to have its own district and art and cultural district and historic district (of Main Street). Hopefully, this will encourage spending in the local businesses and help the economy as well. It is important that "Roy" and "Doug," have restored their buildings and facades which will encourage more buildings to be occupied with shops for tourists to spend money and also enable Main Street to become a visually and aesthetically interesting place to be. I fully support all four, but the preservation. Thank you.

Dated:

I hereby certify that this a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

City Chamberlain