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Supervisor Myers
and Town Board Members
Town of Poughkeepsie
Town Hall
One Overocker Road
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Re: Historic Preservation Commission

Dear Supervisor Myers and Town Board Members,

I offer my resume for your consideration in filling one of the vacancies which currently exist on the Town's Historic Preservation Commission.

Being a Dutchess County native and 22 year town resident experienced in local history and historic preservation, I feel I am well qualified to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission . I have been conducting local historical research and working on historical preservation issues over the last 12 years. On a volunteer basis, from early 2002 through and including the culmination of a project in conjunction with Vassar College on which I acted as the local community advisor, I researched the socio-economic and genealogical history of the Dutchess County Poorhouse and its inhabitants

From November of 2003 through and including the present, I have dedicated numerous hours on Revolutionary War research as it pertains to the Fort Homestead, its inhabitants and their relationship to the history of the Town.

Dutchess County Historical Society awarded me the 2004 Helen Wilkinson Reynolds Award. This award is presented annually to a local historian who is a current example of the meticulous search for historical truth that embodied the life of its namesake. On February 13, 2006 I was honored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution when presented with that Society's Historic Preservation Award and Medal. This honor is awarded to a man or woman with a distinguished record in historic preservation. Criteria for issuance includes outstanding efforts in establishing an historic district or preserving a local landmark; restoration or preservation of objects of historic cultural significance; establishing or long-term participation in oral history projects; or youth leadership or education on the elementary, high school or college level as it pertains to historic preservation.

Having grown up in Red Oaks Mill, being aware of the Town's history and watching the changes in the town which have taken place over the years, I look forward to the opportunity to serve the Town as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission. Thank you in advance for your consideration of my application. References will be provided upon request. I look forward to hearing from you. I may be reached at (845) 452-6417 if you have any questions, require further information or would like to schedule an interview.

Very truly yours,

Virginia A. Buechele