

## Closter Improvement Commission

Minutes, July 22, 2008

### Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Amitai; Barad, Brewster, Kook, Mattes, McConnell, Pitofsky, Rodriguez, and Stella

### Roll Call

Submission of June 22, 2008 minutes. Approval of minutes pending next scheduled meeting

### Old Business:

Restoration of Borough Hall Sign: Vicki reported that this repair should be forthcoming, though Brewster said it was already not repaired as scheduled.

Closter website is currently updated to reflect active members. Vicki suggested that we look at the mission statement that the Environmental Commission prepared for inclusion on the website. Eric asked that members look at the Closter Improvement ordinance to see if it accurately reflects the goals of this committee.

Budget: not yet approved by M&C

4. Spring & Arts Festival: Irene prepared a framework and suggestion for next year's program. Vicki reported that Victoria, Pat Gruber, Gliden, and Lockhart indicated interest on working on next year's program. Among other ideas it was suggested that we think about a weekend festival rather than one single event. Perhaps this program will include something for teens, something for adults, and some drama components.

5. Welcome to Closter Packets: We need a listing of new residents then the Scouts will disperse the packets to those newcomers.

6. Revitalization of Closter Plaza: Eric suggested that we all attend future Planning Board meetings. When informed the secretary will send notice to CIC members to ask them for their attendance.

7. Frank suggested that we get the suburbanite to photograph when we present a letter of recognition to places that have made improvements to their sites, such as: Wards, Dr. Shong, and Arcella.

8. It was reported that Raleigh Electric will be paid what is owed to them. DPW will not be hanging up the holiday decorations as Raleigh will continue to provide this service.

9. Vicki raised a motion that we review the sign ordinance and prepare a brochure that would clarify and show examples of signs and awnings which would be desirable for our town. All in favor with one exception to review the ordinance. A subcommittee consisting of Vicki, Irene, and Anne B. will meet on this topic. Sign Ordinance is

173-50.3B

10. Eric will get two estimates to see what the cost would be to power wash sidewalks in downtown area.

### New Business:

1. Eric was pleased that the CIC was asked to assist in the preparation of a design for a new proposed park. This park was purchased with open space money.

2. Eric will pick up correspondence to CIC from Borough Hall.

Frank said he would speak to Jerry Boyorski from LB Commercial Real estate to see what could be done to encourage new business for Closter.

Meeting adjourned. Next scheduled meeting will be September 23, 2008