

Closter Improvement Commission

January 27, 2009 Minutes

Attendance: V. Amitai; I. Barad; A. Brewster; A. McConnell; I. Stella, and F. Pitofsky who acted as Chairman.

Motion was passed to approve Nov. 27, 2008 minutes. A further motion was passed to re-elect officers of CIC: Eric Mattes as Chairman; Fred Pitofsky as Vice Chairman; and Iris Barad as secretary.

Sign Board restoration has begun though not completed as of date.

Vicky reported that Eric will be part of a joint telephone meeting of the Ordinance Committee to discuss revised mission statement.

Vicky and Anne B. will meet to finalize monetary issues of last year's Spring into Arts Festival.

Vicky reported that Mr. Watkins will pay for ongoing maintenance of the town clock and no money will be taken out of CIC budget to maintain or repair the clock.

Welcome to Closter Packets: We should include on our website where to obtain these packets (Borough Hall).

Whole Foods: Vicky reported that the Whole Foods project is still viable though it has not come before the Planning Board.

Certificates for stores: Irene said that she would definitely issue these certificates to the allocated stores.

Budget: Anne B. prepared a detailed analysis of the CIC budget and distributed it among the members. Of particular concern is what (if any) money is due to Rileigh Electric. Vicky said that either she or Eric will contact Rileigh to find this out. Vicky reported that Mayor Sophie does not think our DPW will substitute the installation, repair and maintenance of the Holiday decorations.

Sign Ordinance: Irene suggested that she and Anne B. meet to "tweak" up the ordinance. At issue is the problem of enforcing the sign ordinances.

Flamm Park Acquisition: Vicky reported that the acquisition is ready to be signed though no date has been assigned as yet.

JC Promotions: Irene commented that she felt that fairs sponsored by JC Promotions were “tacky” and did not encourage using them.

From the agenda that Eric prepared, Eric stated that he would represent CIC at the Planning Board meeting of 1/29/09. At issue is the proposed sign application for Radiomasters.

Anne B. reported on the status of the new forms for the message board. Anne said she will talk to Mayor Sophie on this issue. It was suggested that these forms be available on the Closter website. It was also suggested that Leslie contact the various town committees to post future events for inclusion on the Sign Board. Vicky said that the approval of the content is the Borough’s responsibility, not the CIC’s responsibility.

Next scheduled meeting of the CIC will be February 24th.