

## Closter Improvement Commission

March 24, 2009 Minutes

Attendance: Mattes, Barad, Amitai, McConnell, Stella, and Clarke and Brewster

February 24, 2009 minutes were approved.

1. Sign Board: Repairs have been made and the sign board is now restored. Bill Brewster will not be maintaining the board any longer as responsibility has now been handed to Leslie Weatherly.

We thank Bill Brewster for his generous time and effort in maintaining the sign board to date.

2. Budget: It was reported that all bills for 2008 by this commission have been paid. We should be getting our approved budget within the next few weeks.

3. Welcome Packets: As indicated in the meeting outline prepared by Eric, information on how to obtain packets will be added to the CIC website (i.e. Borough Hall). Eric will provide the new calendars and packages to Borough Hall for distribution to new residents as they visit Borough Hall.

4. Whole Foods update: Vicky reported that it is still on the agenda and should be coming to the Planning Board in May.

5. Certificates: Irene indicated that she will prepare the certificates for distribution.

6. Christmas Décor 2009: Eric said he would obtain an itemized breakdown from Rileigh Electric on storage and refurbishing of wreaths. Vicky said that she learned that most downtowns in our area maintain their holiday lights through civic groups rather than through Rileigh. Tenafly, however, does use Rileigh's services.

Since our anticipated budget for 2009 is expected to be less than in previous years, Mayor Sophie suggested that we try to raise money to supplement our limited budget. We discussed the feasibility of raising money and whether it is possible for CIC to renew interest in our Chamber of Commerce. Irene indicated that she would write a letter which we could distribute to landlords in the Renaissance district asking for money to support the Christmas décor.

7. Sign Ordinance: Subcommittee will meet on April 7<sup>th</sup> to further this along. Vicky reported that the town just hired a new full time code enforcement person (Mr. Whitney) in this regard.

8. Flamm Park Acquisition: Vicky reported that this acquisition is ready to be signed by the borough.

9. JC Promotions: In addition to what was indicated on the meeting outline, Irene questioned whether a JC event would generate money for the town.

10. New form for message board: Since Leslie will be taking this responsibility, this item will be eliminated from the CIC's agenda.

11. This was discussed under Budget agenda.

12. Eric will send a get well card with the names of CIC members to Fred Pitofsky.

13. Cherry will prepare a draft flyer which we will distribute to certain locations in town towards recruiting new members to CIC.

New Business:

I. Triangle landscaping: We discussed whether that area should continue to be landscaped by Susan Boudet or should we find other landscapers to maintain this area. The CIC feels that the

area should be just a garden, and as such we would like to remove the fluff (stuffed animals and such).

Meeting adjourned. Next scheduled meeting will be April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009.