

## Closter Improvement Commission

February 22, 2011 Minutes

Attendance: Irene Stella; Vicky Amitai; Ann Brewster; Iris Barad; C. J. Clarke; Ophelia MacBain and Wilson Reimers.

Guests: Christina Stratton; Donna Arbietman; and Shiran Slutzky

We welcomed Ophelia MacBain to our committee.

Elections: Motion to elect Wilson Reimers as our chair was made and approved.

Wilson and Ophelia were sworn in as new members, respectively, and Ann Brewster, Iris Barad, and Fred Pitofsky renewed their jobs as Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice Chair, respectively.

Waste Containers: We refreshed our memory about purchasing new waste containers. Currently we have 6 new containers downtown. The old ones will be used in the parks.

Budget: Vicky reminded us that the budget, as always at this time of year was an ongoing process and will be finalized when the state allocates money. We need at last \$5,000 to maintain our existing expenses. New monies need to be requested in writing to M&C. We should obtain \$550 from Mayor Heyman for monies she used from our 2010 budget. This money should be used to purchase new seasonal pots as it is approaching planting time. Iris spoke to George Futterknecht from Woods Landscaping and he said that replacement pots should be purchased NOW.

Fund Raising issue was discussed. We talked a bit about Cresskill PTA and their successful concerts to raise money. We need to discuss this further at our next meeting.

March 19<sup>th</sup>: Reminder that there is a Joint Board Meeting to raise and discuss issues that impact our lives.

We discussed Green Team, a new organization that raises public awareness about environmental concerns and using alternative to conventional ways of doing things. For instance, use of MIL lights is one way to conserve resources and save money. Tenafly and Cresskill currently use these lights. Other ideas that were discussed were tankless water heater; solar panels, and expansion of public transportation commuting services.

We also discussed Town Craft Day, which would be an opportunity for local artisans to exhibit and sell their crafts. We should discuss this further also at our next meeting, which will be Tuesday, March 22, 2010 at Borough Hall.

Meeting adjourned