

Historic Preservation Commission  
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, NEW JERSEY  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
Monday,  
August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011

Ms. Rothschild, Chair called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Borough of Closter, New Jersey held on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall to order at 8:04PM. She stated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey and had been advertised in the newspaper according to law. Ms. Rothschild invited all persons present to join the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following HPC members were present at the meeting:

Ms. Rothschild  
Ms. Stella  
Ms. Bouton Goldberg  
Ms. Rubinfeld-Waldron-8:08PM  
Mr. Radick  
Mr. Tobia  
Mr. Kashwick (Council Liaison)-8:07 PM

The following HPC members were absent from the meeting:

Mr. Davida  
Mr. Lobosco  
Mr. Adriance

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**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Ms. Stella and seconded by Ms. Goldberg to approve minutes of July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011. All present were in favor of approval.

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**Open Meeting to the Public**

No comments

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**Correspondence List**

INCOMING- (1) copy of ordinance.

OUTGOING- Letters were sent to State and Building Department regarding 119 Hickory Lane deed of easement.

Discussion whether HPC should be entitled to review certain building permits. (e.g.: fences, driveways, swimming pools) regarding 119 Hickory Lane.

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**Old Business:**

**1-119 Hickory Lane-**

Report: At the mayor and council meeting of August 10, 2011, a unanimous vote of the council conferred historic landmark status upon farm at 119 Hickory Lane.

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## **2- Street Signs**

Ms. Stella stated that an order was sent to Lake Shore. The Commission discussed the Closter Dock Road signs and what correct wording should be. Decision was made for signs to read "Old Closter Dock Road". Ms. Stella spoke of the new federal laws regarding street signs that she and Mr. Lobosco had researched. The Commission decided on Baskerville-Upper/Lower case style for signs at regulation height.

## **3- Cemetery**

Mr. Davida was not present.

\*\* Commission referred back to item # 1 on agenda (119 Hickory Lane). Resident of 63 High Street inquired about the designation of 119 Hickory Lane. Mr. Radick commented on same. Mr. Kashwick stated that confirmation was made with Borough attorney that all structures were part of designation. The Commission continued to discuss designation.

## **4- Zoning Board Applications-268 & 247 West Street**

Ms. Rothschild stated she submitted a report (on behalf of the Commission supporting 268 West Street's use variance (2-family) application and will submit one for 247 West Street.

## **5 - Future proposals for designation**

**151 West Street-** No new report at this time.

**AME Zion Church-** Awaiting information

**Nagel/Auryansen Cemetery-** Mr. Adriance will prepare nomination report.

**1 Station Court-** Ms. Rothschild will prepare nomination report

## **Liaison Reports**

Council- Mr. Kashwick stated that this week's upcoming Council meeting will be canceled. Mr. Kashwick spoke of the borough's proposal to purchase the Closter Swim Club property. The Commission discussed same.

Planning Board- Ms. Stella commented on recent approved application located on Homans Avenue.

Improvement Commission-Ms. Stella stated she has not been able to attend recent meeting due to sign meeting being held on same night.

Environmental Commission- Ms. Goldberg and Mr. Kashwick stated that there is a need for certain parks in town to be named. Discussion about historic names and naming at least one park after the Leni Lenape people. Mr. Kashwick stated that the annual harvest festival will take place on October 29<sup>th</sup> (October 30<sup>th</sup> - rain date) at the MacBain Farm.

Sign Ordinance Committee- Ms. Stella stated that changes to sign ordinances will be a slow process.

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**New Business:**

- 1- Ms. Goldberg stated that she has photos for WWII display at the library in November.
  - 2- Ms. Stella commented on the Lustron information she had for the same display.
  - 3- No report at this time regarding coordinating visits/ presentations with the schools.
  - 4- Ms. Stella spoke of a course she attended back in March.
  - 5- The Commission spoke of The Demaree Homestead site and its upkeep. Suggestion was made to prepare letter regarding maintenance of property.
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**Other**

- 1-Motion was made by Ms. Stella and seconded by Ms. Waldron for Mayor & Council to adopt resolution regarding homeowner tax credits on historic homes. All present were in favor.
  - 2- The Commission discussed the Village School property and issues with maintenance. Motion was made by Mr. Radick and seconded by Ms. Stella to send letter to Building Department/ Code Enforcement regarding maintenance of property. All present were in favor.
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Motion was made by Mr. Radick and seconded by Ms. Goldberg to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:36PM.

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