

Historic Preservation Commission
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday,
February 28th, 2011

Ms. Rothschild, Chair called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Borough of Closter, New Jersey held on Monday, February 28th, 2011 in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall to order at 8:05PM. 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
Mr. Radick- 903PM
Mr. Tobia
Mr. Adriance
Mr. Lobosco
Mr. Kashwick (Council Liaison)-8:26PM

The following HPC members were absent from the meeting:

Mr. Davida

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Ms. Stella and seconded by Mr. Lobosco to approve minutes of January 24th, 2011. All present were in favor of approval.

Motion was made by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Waldron to nominate Ms. Stella as HPC Vice-Chair for the year 2011. All present were in favor. Motion was made by Ms. Waldron and seconded by Ms. Goldberg to nominate Ms. Mitchell as HPC secretary. All present were in favor.

Ms. Rothschild requested that someone take notes as a backup in case there were any problems with computer.

Open Meeting to the Public

There were no comments made at this time.

Correspondence List

None at this time; Ms Rothschild mentioned an article she included in everyone's folder regarding 1 Station Court.

Old Business:

#1-HPC Ordinance Change

Ms. Rothschild stated that Mr. Spizziri sent correspondence to Planning Board stating that he approved of the ordinance change written up by Mr. Rogan.

#2- Historic Element to the Master Plan

Ms. Rothschild stated that Mr. Banisch attended the last Planning Board meeting and will be attending the April 6th Planning Board meeting at which time the Board will vote.

#3- NJ Historic Property Reinvestment Act/PNJ Annual Meeting

Ms. Stella spoke of meeting that she and Ms. Rothschild attended in Jersey City, NJ.

#4-119 Hickory Lane,etc.

Ms. Rothschild reminded the Commission that this was discussed earlier regarding awaiting ordinance change approval. Ms. Stella spoke of the additional stone houses in town (8 out of 10 being designated at this point) and stated that the two remaining should also be designated for their protection. Ms. Rothschild stated a letter should be prepared regarding Ms. Goldberg's research on 151 West Street. Ms. Goldberg spoke of the VerValen house and the Blanch house. Mr. Adriance also spoke of the VerValen and Blanch properties. The members discussed maps obtained dealing with properties mentioned. Ms. Goldberg continued to discuss research.

#5-Street Signs

Ms. Stella stated that the new street signs have arrived and that the DPW will install them. The Commission discussed future sign locations and allocations to request. Ms. Stella spoke of open space allocations.

#6- Cemetery

Mr. Davida was not present to discuss.

7 National Alliance of Preservation Commissions

Ms. Rothschild stated that this will also be discussed at later date.

#8-Borough Hall selection of architect for review

Ms. Stella stated she is not sure of status at this point. (An e-mail was sent to Mr. Wiest requesting status) and she was waiting to hear back.

#9-Furture Proposals for designation

A-151 West Street- This was discussed earlier in meeting.

B-Village School_ Mr. Radick was not present to discuss. Ms. Rothschild stated that this was discussed at Planning Board Meeting as part of the Banisch presentation.

C-Lustron- Ms. Stella and Ms. Rothschild spoke of information collected and stated that at this point they were not sure it was best to nominate for designation.

D-Zion Church- Ms. Stella spoke of information she has on Church property.

E-1 Station Court- Ms. Rothschild stated that there was nothing additional to report at this point.

F-Historic Main Street- This was a general discussion (not dealing with a specific property.) Ms. Rothschild stated that she sent a letter to the county regarding designation of Closter Dock Road.

Mr. Labosco also spoke of roads and signs/banners. The Commission discussed procedure for proposed road designations. The Commission decided to continue to discuss Historic/Main Street in the future and keep Mayor Heymann updated. Ms. Stella spoke of the newly enacted Chamber of Commerce and Sign ordinance committee. Ms. Goldberg asked if the next project should be the downtown area or High Street. She stated that this should be further discussed at the next meeting. Ms. Rothschild reminded the Commission of the Joint Board Meeting to be held on March 19th, 2011.

Liaison Reports:

Council- Mr. Kashwick spoke of the upcoming open space meeting

Planning Bd- Ms. Stella stated that the next Work Session Meeting was March 2nd.

Green Team- Ms. Rothschild stated that the Historic Element Plan would not be adopted prior to the deadline for submission; therefore the points would not be credited until next year.

Environmental Comm.- Ms. Goldberg spoke of the drawings for the barn at the farm property. Mr. Radick spoke of the proposed barn.

Ms. Rothschild stated that there should be recycling bins located in the Borough Hall.

Zoning Bd- No comments

Improvement Comm.- No comments

New Business: Ms. Rothschild reminded the Commission of the Joint Board meeting to be held on March 19th.

There were no comments made regarding Ordinance Review at this point.

Ms. Waldron spoke of the National Parks Commission (as part of the CLG Report) and also stated she has requested forms/application regarding Historic Preservation awards. Ms. Goldberg also commented on the award program. The Commission continued to discuss same.

Ms. Rothschild spoke of the name of the Historic Website and stated that there were two names at this time and would like to use just one. Motion was made by Ms. Stella and seconded by Ms. Waldron to use Closter History.com as the official Historic website. All present were in favor. Ms. Waldron spoke of storage space available in Oradell through the Northern Valley Historic Society.

Motion was made by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Stella to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:48PM.

Prepared by Rose Mitchell
