

Historic Preservation Commission
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday,
November 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, November 28th, 2011 in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall to order at 8:02PM. 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
Mr. Davida
Mr. Tobia
Mr. Lobosco-(8:09PM)
Mr. Adriance
Mr. Kashwick (Council Liaison)

The following HPC members were absent from the meeting:

N/A

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Ms. Rubinfeld-Waldron and seconded by Mr. Radick to approve minutes of October 24th. All present were in favor of approval.

Open Meeting to the Public

Pastor Richard Collins introduced himself to the Commission and spoke in favor of the historic designation of the Centennial AME Zion Church. Mrs. Leatha Collins also spoke in favor.

Correspondence List

INCOMING- None

OUTGOING-

Re: Centennial AME Zion Church Historic Designation

Designation Hearing for Centennial AME Zion Church:

Ms. Bouton-Goldberg spoke of the background of property. Pastor Collins stated he was honored and in favor of site being designated. Ms. Bouton-Goldberg continued to discuss research done regarding property. The Commission continued to discuss the Church property. Mr. Adriance spoke of proposed State and National Designation for property. Ms. Rothschild read the

resolution regarding proposed designation. Mr. Tobia spoke of the dinners held by Mattie Oliver at the Church following municipal elections. Motion was made by Ms. Stella and seconded by Ms. Bouton-Goldberg to designate the AME Zion Church as a Historic Landmark. All present were in favor of designation.

Old Business:

1- Street Signs

Ms. Stella stated that quote was sent to Administrator in September. Mr. Kashwick stated that he would follow-up with Borough Administrator.

2- Cemetery- Mr. Adriance spoke of tree damage due to the October storm. The Commission will contact DPW regarding branches on cemetery property. The Commission discussed holding a community open house next spring as part of the proposed designation.

3- Library Exhibit- The Commission commented on the great turnout at the Lustron film and WWII talk. The Commission also received many favorable comments about the exhibit. The Commission discussed obtaining archive space at the library. Ms. Rothschild introduced an employee of the library (Francesca Macchiavelli) who is interested in being involved with historic preservation.

4- Zoning Board Applications

Ms. Rothschild stated she would prepare a report regarding 247 West Street.

5- Future proposals for designation

151 West Street- No further report

Borough Hall- Ms. Rothschild will prepare nomination report by February 2012. Site will also be proposed at the State/National level.

Nagel/Auryansen Cemetery- Mr. Adriance will prepare nomination report for cemetery property by February 2012.

1 Station Court- Ms. Bouton-Goldberg will be researching property.

Mr. Tobia spoke of photos he obtains pertaining to "Old Closter".

Liaison Reports

Council- Mr. Kashwick spoke of the renaming of the town parks and requested a letter from the Commission regarding names. There was no additional report regarding Open Space.

Planning Board- No Report

Improvement Commission- Ms. Stella spoke of a proposal to erect fence around the Veteran's Monument Park and also commented on dumpster paintings to be done by students.

Environmental Commission- Ms. Bouton-Goldberg spoke of proposal to set up bee gardens at the Buzzoni Park. (Current ordinance would have to be changed).

Sign Ordinance Committee- Mr. Lobosco's stated that the Committee's goal was to simplify the ordinance.

New Business:

1- **2012 Commission Appointments**- Commission commented on making any changes regarding membership, appointments, etc.

2- **Certificate of Appropriateness Hearings**- Mr. Radick stated that proposed addition at 238 West Street is at the rear of the property and can not be seen from street. The Commission discussed the requirements/procedures of certificate of appropriateness. Mr. Davida stated that he would view construction application and site. Commission continued to discuss requirements.

3- **Display Cases at Senior Center**- No further report

4- **Continuing Education**- No report

5- **Village School & Demaree Homestead Maintenance**- The Commission discussed concerns of Village School. Motion was made by Mr. Radick and seconded by Ms. Bouton-Goldberg pertaining to sending letter to owner of Village School regarding concerns/condition of building. All present were in favor.

Other:

N/A

Motion was made by Ms Stella and seconded by Ms. Rubenfeld-Waldron to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:36PM.
