

Historic Preservation Commission
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, April 23rd, 2012

Ms. Rothschild, Chair called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Borough of Closter, New Jersey held on Monday, April 23rd, 2012 in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall to order at 8:06PM. 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. Tobia
Mr. Adriance
Mr. Radick
Mr. Lobosco
Ms. Macchiavelli
Mr. Kashwick (Council Liaison)

The following HPC members were absent from the meeting:

N/A

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Ms. Bouton-Goldberg and seconded by Mr. Tobia to approve minutes with mentioned corrections. All present were in favor of approval with the exception of Ms. Rothschild who abstained.

Open Meeting to the Public

No Comments.

Correspondence List

INCOMING/ OUTGOING- Both incoming and outgoing mail lists were mentioned. Ms. Rubinfeld-Waldron asked about the ordinances regarding designations. Ms. Rothschild stated that ordinance has not been adopted yet and clarified that designation would be a change to the zoning ordinance, and not the historic preservation ordinance. Ms. Stella spoke of capital needs survey (which she received via e-mail) distributed by the N.J. Historic Trust. Commission continued to discuss mail list items.

Old Business:

1-Designation of Centennial AME Zion Church:

Item was discussed earlier in meeting. (Final vote will take place at next Mayor & Council Meeting.)

2- Street Signs A newspaper article (printed in the suburbanite) was mentioned that reported on issues concerning the use of “old” with “Closter Dock” on signs. Commission discussed the “Old Closter Dock Road” signs. Ms. Stella, Mr. Adriance, and Mr. Tobia reiterated that “Old Closter Dock Road” is the official name of the road as per Borough maps. Mr. Kashwick spoke of sign placed in Alice Berkley square.

3- Cemetery- Ms. Rothschild stated that she did a site visit and that it was in good shape. Ms. Stella stated that Mr. MacDonald should be notified regarding senior service. Ms. Rothschild stated she would ask Mary Mayer of Nature Center to dispatch senior service students over to site to weed out invasive species plants at the Susan Drive entry.

4- Zoning Board Applications

Application regarding 247 West Street has been further delayed and is scheduled to be heard in mid-May.

5- Future proposals for designation

151 West Street- Ms. Bouton-Goldberg needs additional information regarding interior of property; Mr. Adriance has not yet visited the house.

Borough Hall- Has been deemed ineligible for state/national designation (as per letter received from the State Historic Preservation Office.) Commission discussed benefits of pursuing designation on local level. Goal was set for July hearing. Ms. Rothschild will prepare the nomination report.

Nagel/Auryansen Cemetery- A finalized draft & resolution needs to be prepared (based on Mr. Adriance’s extensive report).

1 Station Court- Ms. Bouton-Goldberg commented on recent photo (located in the Oradell public library’s local history room) viewed by Ms. Rothschild and herself.

NEW ITEM: Ms. Bouton-Goldberg suggested letter be sent to St. Paul’s Church regarding future designation.

Commission discussed possible designation of the “Durie House” on Schraalenburgh Road.

Liaison Reports

Council- **Mr. Kashwick spoke of the following:** Municipal budget will be adopted in the near future; the final hearing & vote regarding AME Zion Church will take place at the next Mayor & Council meeting; The Borough administrator will be leaving; Ordinances regarding LEED design was spoken of (which would give relief from impervious coverage standards for designated historic properties) & feedback from Commission was requested. The Commission discussed mentioned proposed ordinance and recommended that amount of coverage be enlarged. Mr. Kashwick requested letter from Commission to Council pertaining to input regarding LEED ordinance.

Planning Board- No comments

Improvement Commission- Ms. Stella stated that the Commission is working on musical cultural event

Environmental Commission- No Comments

Sign Ordinance Committee- Mr. Lobosco spoke of new procedure regarding sign installation; a new committee will be formed to review sign applications.

New Business:

1- **Historic Marker- AME Zion Church** – Mr. Kashwick spoke of open space allocation to purchase Bergen County marker to be placed at church.

2- **Correspondence to Planning Board**- Ms. Stella spoke of note (was handed out to Commission members) regarding explanation of Historic Preservation and preservation myths. Correspondence was not distributed to Planning Board as of yet. Commission continued to discuss also speaking of information that should be distributed to realtors. Ms Stella read “draft” regarding information pertaining to historical designated properties. Ms. Bouton-Goldberg stated she would prepare write up for brochure pertaining to existing historically designated properties. A booklet from Tenafly was distributed and discussed.

3- **Lustron**- Comment was made regarding potential purchase of the Lustron House by the Borough. Ms. Rothschild pointed out the benefits that would ensue if the Lustron is owned by the municipality (including protection due to its state and national register listing, the availability of grant monies to restore it). Ms. Rothschild also expressed the desire to store Closter Historical Society records and archives at the Lustron (if the Borough purchased it). Mr. Adriance spoke of the possibility of the Borough renting out the house (to bring in monies to the Borough to offset the cost. The Commission continued to discuss.

4- **2012 Goals**- Was discussed in detail at last month’s HPC meeting. Ms. Rubenfeld-Waldron confirmed that she would be in charge of # 14 on goal list (work with schools & students). Ms. Rubenfeld-Waldron suggested that Ms. Macchiavelli also be involved. Ms. Stella reminded members to hand in financial disclosure forms. Ms. Stella stated that time for “talk with Toby” will be set up shortly. Ms. Stella also spoke of the display cases for the senior center and also reminded the Commission of the upcoming June 7th, Preservation NJ seminar.

5- Continuing Education

Ms. Rothschild stated that she has attended (3) Drew classes to receive her certificate. Ms. Rubenfeld Waldron stated she had received e-mail from Ms. Macchiavelli regarding class attended.

Motion was made by Mr. Tobia and seconded by Ms. Bouton-Goldberg to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:52 PM.

Prepared by Rose Mitchell/ (Edited by Jennifer Rothschild)
