

Historic Preservation Commission
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday,
July 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, July 23rd, 2012 in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall to order at 8:01PM. 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
Mr. Tobia
Mr. Adriance
Ms. Macchiavelli
Ms. Rubinfeld-Waldron-(8:06PM)
Mr. Kashwick (Council Liaison)

The following HPC members were absent from the meeting:

N/A

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Adriance and seconded by Ms. Stella to approve minutes of 06-25-12. All present were in favor of approval with the exception of Ms. Rothschild who abstained.

Open Meeting to the Public

Mr. Cahill of 248 Harrington Avenue complimented the Commission on their efforts to have important historic material put into a space at the public library. Ms. Rothschild noted that the Caldwell Historic Preservation Commission was in attendance to observe our meeting.

Correspondence List

INCOMING/ OUTGOING- There was no incoming correspondences. Ms. Rothschild spoke of the outgoing correspondence list and also stated that she would send a formal correspondence to AME Zion Church (regarding blue sign) at later date.

Presentation regarding Mortar in Historic Buildings:

Mr. Adriance spoke of a stone house in Paramus which was recently demolished and also spoke of the attempt to save the American Legion Hall building in Emerson. He also spoke of property on Old County Road in Demarest (and the existing construction taking place). Mr. Adriance spoke of Jersey Dutch stone house pointing and the various types of stones and materials used; referring to drawings of various properties. Mr. Adriance mentioned application submitted for 119 Hickory Lane regarding stone pointing and spoke of proposed work and also spoke of proper way pointing should be done & material that should be used, etc. Ms. Rothschild mentioned a

second application received from Mr. Vastano (119 Hickory Lane) regarding paint touch-up to exterior of house. Ms. Rothschild stated that according to ordinance there is no need for a hearing pertaining to painting. Mr. Tobia commented on stone pointing of house.

COA Hearing- 119 Hickory Lane, Vastano, repointing of mortar:

Ms. Rothschild recused herself at this point. Ms. Stella took over chairing for this portion of meeting. Ms. Stella stated that there were (2) applications before the Commission. (Stone pointing & paint touch-up). Motion was made by Ms. Bouton-Goldberg & seconded by Mr. Tobia to approve stone pointing application. Ms. Rubenfeld-Waldron asked about the photograph submitted with application. Mr. Adriance responded stating that the photo shows an example of the stone work. Ms. Rubenfeld-Waldron asked for clarification regarding white painting being removed from stone. Mr. Adriance responded stating that the photograph does not show painting on stone. Mr. Adriance stated that Mr. Watkins contacted him regarding recommendations of mason contractors to conduct work. Mr. Adriance also clarified that he has no connection with the project. Stipulations were mentioned regarding pointing work. Ms. Stella asked Mr. Adriance to distribute e-mail to Commission members, land use office & homeowner regarding mentioned stipulations. All present were in favor of stone pointing application approval. (Ms. Rothschild had previously recused herself). Motion was made by Mr. Adriance and seconded by Ms. Rubenfeld Waldron to include documentation regarding proper method/procedures to follow for scope of work. All present were in favor. Ms. Stella mentioned 2nd application regarding painting touch up. Ms. Rothschild reminded the Commission that there was no need for hearing regarding painting.

Ms. Rothschild returned to chairing meeting at this point.

Old Business:

1- Zoning Board/ Planning Board Applications

Application regarding 247 West Street will be on the August 15th Zoning Board agenda.

2- Future proposals for designation

1 Station Court- Ms. Bouton-Goldberg stated that a draft has been done (which will probably be amended after meeting with Ms. Brown.) Ms. Rubenfeld-Waldron spoke of an article regarding railroad station.

Borough Hall- No comments at this time.

Nagel/Auryansen Cemetery- Ms. Stella spoke of article in the Northern Valley Press regarding cemetery property and stated that correction should be made pertaining to fence being installed & property is being reopened to the public. Ms. Rothschild stated article had other incorrect information. Commission continued to discuss.

151 West Street- No comments at this time.

Durie House- No comments at this time.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church- Letter was sent to church. There has been no response as of yet.

Lustron House- No comments at this time

Liaison Reports

Council- Mr. Kashwick stated that (2) ordinances, one regarding LEED certification & the other regarding ½ percent to Historic preserved properties have been tabled at this time. Mr. Kashwick also stated that designation of landmark trees (Cedar Lane) would be included on the upcoming Mayor & Council agenda.

Planning Board- Ms. Stella stated that an informal review took place regarding Closter Plaza.

Improvement Commission- Ms. Stella stated she has been unable to attend due to being held same night as sign commission meeting; but that a musical event will be planned for next spring.

Environmental Commission- Ms. Bouton-Goldberg requested suggestions/ideas regarding Buzzoni Farm. Ms. Stella stated she had contact information for Buzzoni grandson.

Sign Ordinance Committee- Ms. Stella stated that the ordinance was moving along & that the committee had a draft idea.

New Business:

1- **Historic Marker- AME Zion Church** – Ms. Rothschild stated that a purchase order was issued and that the Historic Society application still needs to be filled out. Ms. Stella asked if a young person could be taught how to restore the existing blue signs.

2- **Pamphlet for Realtors & Public-** Ms. Stella handed out information for proposed pamphlet & also stated that she had e-mailed mentioned to Commission members. The Commission will review & give feedback/corrections to Ms. Stella. Ms. Rubinfeld-Waldron asked for clarification regarding minor work applications. Commission briefly discussed. Ms. Rothschild suggested that the Borough attorney review when final draft is complete.

3- **Display Cases** – Ms. Stella stated that final decision regarding placement of cases needs to be made. Commission discussed fire codes in regards to placement of cases.

4- **Talks with Toby-** Ms. Stella stated that this was put off. (Due to the first Wednesday of July being a holiday) It will take place on Wednesday, August 8th. Mr. Tobia stated that discussions would start with the 1920s and follow through the years. Ms. Rubinfeld-Waldron commented on proposed discussions. Ms. Stella stated she would send in press release.

5- **2012 Goals-** Ms. Stella suggested revisiting on a six-month basis.

6- Continuing Education- Ms. Rothschild stated that Ms. Rubenfeld-Waldron can make note that the Commission took Mr. Adriance's class on Mortar/Repointing given this evening. Ms. Rubenfeld-Waldron spoke of Mr. Adriance attending an education course (according to code).

7- Other

Ms. Rothschild stated that a zoning board application was received for HPC review/comments (regarding 24 Naugle Street.)

Motion was made by Ms. Stella & seconded by Ms. Rubenfeld-Waldron to adjourn meeting.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 PM.

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