

Historic Preservation Commission  
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, NEW JERSEY  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
Monday,  
March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Ms. Stella, Vice-Chair called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Borough of Closter, New Jersey held on Monday, March 26th, 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. Stella invited all persons present to join the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following HPC members were present at the meeting:

Ms. Stella  
Ms. Bouton Goldberg  
Mr. Tobia  
Mr. Adriance  
Mr. Radick  
Mr. Lobosco  
Ms. Macchiavelli  
Mr. Kashwick (Council Liaison)

The following HPC members were absent from the meeting:

Ms. Rothschild  
Ms. Rubinfeld-Waldron

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Mr. Radick and seconded by Mr. Lobosco to adopt minutes of February 27th, 2012 . All present were in favor of approval.

**Open Meeting to the Public**

Mr. Cahill of 248 Harrington Avenue spoke of article regarding AME Zion Church and congratulated the Commission.

**Correspondence List**

INCOMING/ OUTGOING- Both incoming and outgoing mail lists were mentioned. Ms. Bouton Goldberg commented on correspondence from Mr. Chagaris regarding AME Zion Church. Ms. Stella stated that she would speak to Planning Board members to clarify some items in regards to historic designation.

**Old Business:**

**1-Designation of Centennial AME Zion Church:**

Mr. Kashwick stated that the introduction of ordinance regarding designation will take place at the March 28th Mayor & Council Meeting; and that the final vote would take place in April. Ms. Bouton-Goldberg stated that she was very displeased with outcome of the Planning Board meeting regarding church designation. Mr. Radick concurred with Ms. Bouton-Goldberg and continued to discuss.

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## **2- Street Signs**

Ms. Stella stated there have been some complaints regarding “Old” Closter Dock Road; The Commission spoke of maps included in members’ folders.

**3- Cemetery-** Program will be put off until the fall. (Tentatively October 14<sup>th</sup>)

## **4- Zoning Board Applications**

Application regarding 247 West Street will be heard in mid-April.

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

**151 West Street-** No further report.

Mr. Adriance stated that the Durie House should be included on designation list.

**Borough Hall-** No further report.

**Nagel/Auryansen Cemetery-** Ms. Stella suggested a resolution be prepared.

**1 Station Court-** Ms. Bouton-Goldberg commented on information found by Ms. Rothschild & herself.

## **Liaison Reports**

**Council-** Mr. Kashwick stated that the municipal budget was introduced and will be voted on soon & that the Commission received what was requested.

**Planning Board-** No further comments

**Improvement Commission-** No report at this time. (Although Ms. Stella did mention that members are needed.)

**Environmental Commission-** Ms. Bouton-Goldberg spoke of recent discussion regarding bees.

**Sign Ordinance Committee-** Ms. Stella stated that things were moving forward.

At this point, Ms. Stella mentioned other items pertaining to “**old business**”:

Information regarding Tate House was sent to the county. Piero House was not sent yet. Ms. Stella spoke of Drew classes.

## **New Business:**

**1- Financial Disclosure Statements** – Ms. Stella reminded anyone who hasn’t already submitted financial disclosures to do so- (due in April). The Commission discussed procedure.

**2- 2012 Goals-** Commission discussed proposed goals for this year; such as historic information added to existing historic street signs (will be done by Ms. Stella); Designation of Train Depot building and the cemetery (will be done by Ms. Bouton-Goldberg & Ms. Rothschild, with involvement from Mr. Adriance.) The Commission discussed cleanup/planting on Susan Drive

entrance of cemetery; Storing of Historic Society Archives (Ms. Macchiavelli offered to help); High Street district (Commission would send letter out to a couple of homeowners on High Street in the fall regarding proposed designation) The Commission discussed designation of DTR Station located on Demarest Avenue. (Mr. Radick would send letter). Public School properties were also discussed (Commission felt that Ms. Rubenfeld-Waldron may want to be involved); Obtaining of display cases has been done by Ms. Stella, At this point, cases need to be delivered. Bergen County Society markers were discussed (Commission expressed concerns about the cost)

3- **Continuing Education**- Ms. Stella commented on class she took with Ms. Rothschild (which took place on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.)

4- **Village School**- No Comments

Mr. Radick stated that the new homeowner of 119 Hickory Lane needs to repair roof at the rear of old house and that it is considered an emergency situation. (Portion of roof can not be seen from front). The Commission continued to discuss proposed construction regarding 119 Hickory Lane. Decision was made that visit should be conducted by Commission chairperson.

Motion was made by Mr. Radick and seconded by Mr. Bouton-Goldberg to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Prepared by Rose Mitchell

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