

Historic Preservation Commission
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday,
November 26th, 2012

Ms. Rothschild called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Borough of Closter, New Jersey held on Monday, November 26th, 2012 in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall to order at 8:07PM. 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 Commission in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Rothschild introduced Mr. Stuart Tray (new commission member). Mr. Tray gave a brief background of himself. The commission members introduced themselves to Mr. Tray; each speaking of their backgrounds.

The following HPC members were present at the meeting:

Ms. Rothschild
Ms. Stella
Ms. Bouton-Goldberg
Mr. Tobia
Ms. Macchiavelli
Ms. Rubinfeld-Waldron
Mr. Adriance
Mr. Martin
Mr. Kashwick (Council Liaison)

The following HPC members were absent from the meeting:

N/A

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Ms. Stella & seconded by Ms. Rubinfeld-Waldron to approve minutes of 10-22-12. All present were in favor of approval with the exception of Ms. Rothschild & Mr. Martin who abstained.

Open Meeting to the Public

No comments at this time.

Correspondence List

INCOMING/ OUTGOING- None

Mr. Kashwick swore in Mr. Stuart Tray as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission.

COA Hearing- 119 Hickory Lane

Ms. Rothschild recused herself from this portion of meeting. Ms. Stella took over chairing at this point. Mr. Radick suggested that Mr. Adriance recuse himself from this application due to his historical connection with said property. Mr. Martin reminded the commission that the Borough attorney attended the previous hearing pertaining to this site and stated that decision requires a

legal determination. Mr. Adriance commented on same speaking of his family's historical connection with Closter. Ms. Stella suggested hearing be postponed until legal advice is received. Motion was made by Ms. Rubinfeld-Waldron & seconded by Mr. Martin to postpone application until legal advice is received. All present were in favor of motion. (Ms. Rothschild had recused herself earlier). Mr. Radick agreed to extension of time that the Commission can act upon application. Ms. Rothschild rejoined the meeting at this point (and took over chairing).

Old Business:

1- Website Content:

Ms. Stella spoke of changes that still need to be made regarding name of Commission & the subjects listed on site. Ms. Stella stated she will follow-up on this. The Commission also spoke of historic postcards/images for site.

2- Brochure for Realtors

The Commission discussed finalizing the brochure.

3- Future proposals for designation

1 Station Court- Ms. Bouton-Goldberg stated that she has completed this. Ms. Rothschild asked if Commission would like to conduct hearing in January. Subcommittee will put together nomination report with intention to conduct a hearing in February.

Borough Hall- Ms. Rothschild will prepare nomination report (for local designation).

Nagel/Auryansen Cemetery- No further report.

151 West Street- Suggestion was made to proceed with designation at this point (sufficient information has been obtained). Site visit to view interior of house is still desired.

Durie House- Commission briefly discussed stated that designation may be postponed.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church- Letter has not been written as of yet.

Lustron House- No further report.

New recommendations for future designation- Ms. Stella prepared draft regarding High Street district. The Commission discussed proposed district designation.

Liaison Reports

Council- Mr. Kashwick spoke of the proposed LEED ordinance specifically dealing with historic properties. Mr. Kashwick stated that the actual LEED ordinance was not introduced; however the one regarding Historic Preservation was introduced and will be voted on at the December Mayor & Council Meeting.

Planning Board- Ms. Stella spoke of upcoming Planning Board applications & mentioned that there is no date set at this time for the Closter Plaza/AME Church application. The Commission spoke of proposed signage. Ms. Pat Morillo (who was present in the public) spoke of the historic significance of the signs spoken of. The Commission continued to discuss. Ms. Rothschild requested “show of hands” regarding restoration of Closter Plaza sign. (6 out of 7 voted for restoration of sign) Ms. Rothschild stated that the Commission does not have the authority to submit “official” report (regarding Closter Plaza) due to not being in historic district; although a report can be submitted for the AME Church (which is part of the Planning Board application and is a designated property). The Commission continued to discuss. Ms. Rothschild reminded the Commission that the sign spoken of is not on the AME Church property. The Commission discussed proposing designation of Closter Plaza sign.

Improvement Commission- No Comments

Environmental Commission- Ms. Bouton-Goldberg spoke of the Buzzoni Farm property.

Sign Ordinance Committee- No Comments

New Business:

1- **Demaree Homestead (Property Maintenance Issues)** - Ms. Rothschild spoke of existing property maintenance ordinance. Ms. Stella spoke of property owners comments regarding maintenance. The Commission continued to discuss. Motion was made by Ms. Stella & seconded by Mr. Tobia regarding letter being sent to property maintenance officer requesting site inspection due to Commissions’ concerns with deterioration of building. Mr. Martin made additional suggestions to be included in request letter. All present were in favor of motion.

2- **Display Cases** – Commission discussed location of cases.

3- **Future Exhibit/ Program Ideas**- No report at this time.

4- **Review of 2012 Goals/Consider 2013 Goals**

The Commission discussed status of 2012 goals (What has been accomplished & which goals will carry over to 2013).

5- **Continuing Education**- Ms. Rothschild spoke of architectural class she is currently attending.

6- **Other**- Ms. Stella asked for feedback regarding procedure pertaining to distribution of plans when submitted for purpose of hearing. The Commission discussed also speaking of budget pertaining to salary compensation.

Mr. Tray spoke of his future intentions for the Commission and stated that he may not be best for him to stay on as a member.

Motion was made by Ms. Bouton-Goldberg & seconded by Mr. Tobia to adjourn meeting.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:58PM.
Prepared by Rose Mitchell
