

MINUTES
CLOSTER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, February 25 2013 8:00 P.M.

- A. Call to order** – Statement of Open Public Meetings Act
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Attendance:**
Present: Jennifer Rothschild, Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg, Tim Adriance, Jayne Rubenfeld-Waldron, Orlando Tobia, John Kashwick
Absent: Stuart Tray, William J. Martin, Irene Stella
- D. Minutes** –MSC Bouton Goldberg, Macchiavelli
- E. Open to Public – Leonia Commissioners present;** no one wished to speak
- F. Correspondence** – see separate sheet
- G. Open Space Requests for 2013** – Ms. Rothschild sent email to Mr. Sheola and he indicated that this would be sufficient. Request was for purchase of the Lustron property and for additional funding for signage.
- H. Old Business**
1. Lustron –notice has been sent; newspaper publication has been done; nomination report is complete
 2. Depot Building - – notice has been sent; newspaper publication has been done; nomination report is complete
 2. Closter Borough Hall
 3. Cemetery
 4. 151 West
 5. Durie House
 6. St. Paul’s Lutheran Church – letter needs to be sent w/re pros and cons of historic preservation; wait for brochure to be completed
 7. High Street District – wait for brochure to be completed
 8. Letter to Code Official – no response yet – Mr. Adriance will follow up
 9. Brochure for realtors, public – discussion by Commission as to wording; Mr. Adriance suggests that an image of an historic house be placed on the front of the brochure; Mr. Adriance suggests the DeClark house. Mr. Adriance states that the address should say “Old Closter Dock Road” Hyperlinks (URL’s) should be in blue. Discussion about whether brochure will be in color. Discussion about tightening up the text so that there is no need for continuations on other pages. Ms. Rubenfeld-Waldron questions whether property values increase for individually designated properties, though it has been established for districts. Mr. Adriance suggests adding more photos if there are any blank spaces. Mr. Adriance asks Mr. Tobia if he has any photos of old Closter sites; discussion. Mr. Tobia states that Tommy Nyfenger and a friend were researching Village School and he suggests that perhaps they could come to a meeting in the future to do a presentation.

K. Liaison Reports

1. Council – John Kashwick – budget will be introduced on March 13 Discussion about costing out digitizing Mr. Tobia’s collection of photos. Mr. Adriance asks for a motion. Jennifer makes the motion; Ms. Bouton Goldberg seconds. Discussion about how to price out the project. Mr. Adriance suggests that Deborah Powell of BCHS about this service and costs. Ms. Rothschild will look in to this. Unanimous approval.
2. Planning Board – Irene absent
3. Other – brief reports on topics related to historic preservation *only*

L. New Business

1. Trautwein Farm: Discussion about whether this property could be preserved; Mr. Tobia speaks about Trautwein house that is behind and to the north of the farm stand. Discussion about zoning. Mr. Kashwick states that the property is under five acres. Mr. Adriance states that funding for farmland preservation would not possible because of the acreage, but would be possible as an Open Space acquisition. Mr. Adriance states that acquisition of Open Space per se is outside of our jurisdictional authority, but does suggest that the farmhouse be investigated for historic value. Address is 515 Piermont Road, Closter. Discussion about whether the house is included in the land that is for sale.
2. Talks with Toby - cancelled for 2/27/13
3. Goals for 2013 – tabled to next month. Mr. Adriance asks everyone to think of at least one goal to report back next month.
4. Continuing education – report all classes and lectures attended to Jayne
5. Bergen County Historic Preservation Awards – Ms. Bouton-Goldberg suggests Irene Stella’s house for commendation. Mr. Adriance states that the County is looking for projects recently completed. Ms. Bouton-Goldberg recommends Orlando Tobia for “Talks with Toby” Ms. Rothschild suggests that both Irene Stella and Orlando Tobia be nominated for this award.

M. Adjournment – MSC Bouton Goldberg, RubenfeldWaldron at 8:50 p.m..