

Minutes
CLOSTER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Monday, November 18, 2013
8:03 PM

- A. Call to order** – Statement of Open Public Meetings Act
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Attendance:** Tim Adriance, Irene Stella, Jennifer Rothschild, Jayne Rubenfeld Waldron, Orlando Tobia, Bobbie Bouton Goldberg, John Kashwick, Francesca Macchiavelli
Absent: William Martin (excused), Joel Zelnik
- D. Minutes - October 2013** – MSC Irene, Bobbie
- E. Open to Public** - no one present
- F. Correspondence – incoming:** Div. of Cultural and Historic Affairs, Bergen County – program on Friday morning “Using the past to move your classroom forward”
Outgoing: to Fire Department regarding Talks with Toby, To Mssrs. Pierro, Thornhill, Lupardi and Mr. Sorensen, cc’d to Mayor and Council re: upcoming program and exhibit
- G. Old Business**
1. **Active future proposals for designation**
 - A. Closter Borough Hall – no report
 - B. Nagel/Auryansen Cemetery – no report
 - C. High Street District – letter to homeowners – Bobbie has started putting up the exhibit in Borough Hall. She has put up a printed notice that anyone having information should contact her. Ms. Stella suggests contacting Ms. Connelly.
 - D. G. Trautwein-Haring Area – no report
 - E. Vervalen House 151 West St. – Tim will visit the house
 2. **Talks with Toby** – November 19th 7 p.m. at the library
 3. **Cemetery Award – December 11th** Mayor and Council meeting will be the date for awarding Mr. Sampson
 4. **Closter Hall of Fame** – no report
- H. Liaison Reports**
1. **Council** – John Kashwick
 - A. **Lustron Property** – Mayor reports that prospective buyer wants to clear the property, but will wait until the Lustron is moved, if that is possible. Proposed site is on Haring Avenue on Schauble Park property. Mr. Adriance asks about use of the property. Mr. Kashwick states that in order to meet state Green Acres requirements, it must be utilized as a museum. Question about how far it would have to be moved. Discussion. Mr. Tobia notes that the property proposed for its location was slated to be used for a school. Ms. Rothschild explains the state and national register status and what will happen . . . Discussion as to the Commission’s

role. Ms. Bouton Goldberg suggests that the Commission write a letter in support. Discussion. Mr. Adriance asks about funding for the moving of the house, re-installment of utilities. Ms. Rothschild suggests uses for the property, following Ms. Bouton-Goldberg's suggestion that the historical society archives be stored there. Mr. Tobia suggests that it be moved across the street or onto church properties across Durie Avenue. He suggests purchasing a piece of property from the church. Mr. Kashwick states that it cannot be moved to Hagen Park across the street, because that property is wetlands. MSC Stella, Rothschild in favor of moving the house. Discussion. Ms. Jayne Rubinfeld-Waldron asks who would be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep. Discussion. Ms. Stella confirms that a caretaker cannot live there. Ms. Bouton Goldberg asks if there's been an estimate for the move. Ms. Rubinfeld-Waldron states that she is concerned about vandalism. Mr. Tobia states that they have to arrive at a cost first. Ms. Rothschild states that the property is already in attorney review, so there's not time to get the purchase price together in time. Ms. Stella states that the appraised value is a problem with public funding, as well. Mr. Kashwick asks for other suggestions for the location. Ms. Rothschild will need to get the letter done by Thursday so that it goes onto the mail list for next week. Discussion about sending the letter via email.

Meeting dates need to be determined.

Budget needs to be submitted. Ms. Bouton Goldberg states that we need to purchase archival materials. Mr. Adriance suggests that Northern Valley High School students could scan Mr. Tobia's (and historical society's) collection and digitize it. Ms. Macchiavelli states that there is a place at Northern Valley Demarest where students could do the work. Jennifer and Bobbie will be the subcommittee to figure out costs for archival supplies. Mr. Kashwick states that Open Space requests will be occurring at the same time. Ms. Rothschild suggests that the Open Space request from the HPC should be the \$\$ needed to move the Lustron house. Ms. Stella asks if the procedure for Open Space requests has changed. Mr. Kashwick states that this administrator likes to do the annual budget and Open Space requests at the same time. There will be a meeting at which Open Space requests are made.

2. **Planning Board** – Irene Stella - On November 21st two experts on landscaping and parking from A & P will be testifying in the Closter Plaza application.

5. **Other** - none

I. New Business

1. **Continuing education** – report all classes and lectures attended to Jayne

2. **Toby's archive** – Mr. Tobia welcomes anyone who wants to look at it come to the house. Mr. Adriance asks if Mr. Tobia would be comfortable with allowing senior service students to take things out of his house to scan them. Discussion about collections. Ms. Stella asks if Mr. Adriance has early maps of Closter. Mr. Tobia has tax maps back to 1935. The Borough is looking back to 1925. Mr. Adriance states that the maps should be in the County headquarters.

4. **Other** – “housekeeping” – Irene Stella – w/re **calendar**. 4th week works except for Memorial Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Week before Memorial Day. October 27th, and for November meeting, Mr. Adriance suggests early December. December 1st is proposed.

Historical Society – has been receiving notices to file taxes. Mr. Kashwick states that if it doesn't make more than \$25K per year, then a simple form can be filled out.

Commission members: will need to find new people to fill positions that will be opening up. Bobbie Bouton Goldberg suggests that Bev Murray might be interested. Ms. Rothschild suggests that Susan McTigue might be a good possibility to approach.

Terms of Service: Irene went to get the list from Rose, but she doesn't have it. Mr. Adriance states that the Borough Clerk has this responsibility.

Minutes: Rose only has the minutes from 2009 onward, but nothing earlier. Jayne states that she has 2006, but not 2007 or 2008.

Annual Report: all activities including problem solving and advice. Mr. Kashwick states that there still needs to be a summary every year. Ms. Stella states that she will put something together, along with goals.

Borough Calendar: Mr. Kashwick reports that it might not be printed this year. There will be a phone app.

117 Hickory: plans are in the packet for review by Commission members. The hearing will be in January.

J. Adjournment –MSC Rothschild, Bouton Goldberg at 8:56 p.m.