

MINUTES
CLOSTER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Monday, April 28, 2014
8:00 PM

- A. Call to Order: Mr. Adriance called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Attendance: PRESENT: Tim Adriance, Irene Stella, Jennifer Rothschild, Joel Zelnik, Susan McTigue, Bobbie Bouton Goldberg, Orlando Tobia
ABSENT: William J. Martin ("WJM") (excused), John Kashwick (excused), Jayne Rubenfeld Waldron (excused)
- D. Minutes – March 2014 MSC Bouton Stella to approve the minutes as written
- E. Open to the Public – none present
- F. Correspondence: see separate sheet MSC Stella, Bouton Goldberg that the property owner and the Commission Secretary get a copy of the COA approval, as well as the Construction Code Official. Discussion: Ms. Bouton Goldberg asks if the Commission has copies on file; Commission agrees that three copies should be made each time – one for Code Official, one for property owner, and one for the files. Ms. Stella states that there is a follow-up that the HPC should do to make sure that our COA's are followed. Mr. Adriance explains the HPC jurisdictional authority, which does not extend to being an enforcement agency. Mr. Adriance states that the HPC should do an inspection and report back to the Code Official if the COA isn't being followed. Ms. Stella also reports that West Street is looking very attractive and that

OLD BUSINESS

- G. 1. Active Subjects
 - a. Closter Borough Hall – Mayor and Council has forwarded it to the Planning Board. Discussion about when it will be placed on the Planning Board agenda.
 - b. Nagel/Auryansen Cemetery: no report
 - c. High Street District: Ms. Bouton Goldberg shows recently acquired artifacts. Ms. Stella suggests that the property owners get early notice of our intention to pursue designation. Ms. Stella has a draft of a letter to send to the High Street homeowners. Ms. Bouton Goldberg states that WJM has received photos of the High Street houses and will give a slideshow presentation on the topic. Ms. Stella further explains how West Street/Harrington Avenue was handled in terms of outreach to property owners.
 - d. G. Trautwein-Haring Area: no report
 - e. Vervalen House 151 West Street: no report
- 2. Talks with Toby: this Wednesday will be a Talk with a lot of material – Subject is the Closter Lions' Club. Mr. Tobia discusses his material. Ms. Stella states that Don Farrell will film the program. Ms. McTigue will attend, as Ms. Stella, Rothschild and Bouton Goldberg cannot attend. The next topic will be: Old Closter Dock Road. Discussion about venue and planning for future events. Ms. Stella suggests having a planning meeting this summer for the next year's topics.

3. Cemetery Award – needs to be scheduled. Ms. Stella will speak with William Dahle about holding this event in the cemetery.

4. Closter Hall of Fame – Joel Zelnik – He reports that he would like to get this finalized. He states that WJM can create the format. He discusses the location where the Hall of Fame could hang at the Library. Ms. McTigue suggests that the hallway near the public meeting room be kept open so that it might benefit from being hung there. Mr. Adriance suggests that the type be large so that it can be read. Mr. Zelnik discusses how this information could benefit Closter and highlight the work of the Commission. Mr. Zelnik sees the Lustron House as a kind of museum entity that possibly could house the Hall of Fame there. He states that this August would have been Bill Evans' 80th birthday. Ms. McTigue suggests holding a meeting with Ruth Rando at the library. Ms. Stella will contact Ruth Rando and Don Farrell. Mr. Adriance suggests that Mr. Zelnik contact Mr. Martin to complete the map. Ms. McTigue states that this has to be viewed from a curatorial point of view; the physical space where it will be displayed must be taken into account. She states that it must have the visual appeal of a museum exhibition. Mr. Zelnik describes the graphics.

H. Liaison Reports 1. Council – John Kashwick – absent; Ms. Rothschild reports that budget has passed (\$3090.00) 2. Planning Board – Irene Stella Ms. Stella states that the subdivision of land surrounding the Lustron house has been received by the Planning Board.. Ms. Stella shows the plans for the subdivision of property. 3. Other – Environmental Commission – Ms. Bouton Goldberg states that the EC is asking if local designation of the MacBain farmhouse would assist in getting grants. Ms. Rothschild and Ms. Stella state that local Closter Open Space monies would be available, potentially, since this is publicly owned. Mr. Adriance analyzes the significance of the building per our ordinance requirements. Ms. Bouton Goldberg states that this is also known to have been a site where archaeological artifacts were found (prehistoric), as noted in the 1999 revisions to the Bergen County Sites Survey. Mr. Adriance asks that the MacBain Farm be added to the active subjects list for designation. Ms. Bouton Goldberg also reports about the house at the corner of Anderson and Closter Dock Road (779 Closter Dock Road) as well as 681 Old Closter Dock Road. Mr. Adriance asks if it's on the Hopkins Corey 1861 map and discusses other old map resources.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2013 report– Mr. Adriance suggests that this be added: Commission assisted and gave support to the homeowner at 125 Closter Dock Road with respect to his renovation plans. The owner was very grateful and wrote a thank you email to Mr. Adriance. Ms. Stella suggests that the Commission did this kind of support for all of the applications. Hall of Fame needs to be added.
2. 2014 Goals: No report
3. Continuing Education –Mr. Adriance reports that he took a course at Rutgers U. about NJ Administrative law in relation to violations of ordinances (for Construction Code officials) and how to testify in court; record keeping, etc. Discussion. Mr. Adriance asks that nomination reports be footnoted and documented in the future, in case any situation is legally challenged. Ms.

Rothschild asks if a bibliography is sufficient. Mr. Adriance states that every document cited should be footnoted and deeds should be noted by Book and Page numbers. Further discussion.

4. Toby's archive: Mr. Adriance reports that the school year is nearly over. He asks if a connection can be made with Northern Valley Demarest for students to scan material. This would need to be introduced early on in the school year. Discussion. Mr. Adriance suggests that the school be notified. Ms. McTigue will contact the school regarding the specifics. Mr. Adriance suggests that the items be scanned at the school. Discussion about acquiring a scanner. Mr. Adriance has an idea about MSC Rothschild, Bouton Goldberg to purchase a portable scanner (less than \$200) for the Commission for using during research, e.g. deed searches. Discussion. Ms. McTigue states that Photo Bin (an online service) can scan photos inexpensively. The photos have to be relinquished for this service.
5. Other: Lustron electrical wires have been cut. Mr. Demarest informed Mr. Adriance that a transfer of title has taken place to Diamond Engineering. The Construction Code office has a request for inspection for transfer of title. In this case, it was specifically stated that it was not for habitation of the building. The intention was to disassemble it or to demolish it. Discussion.

J. Adjournment MSC Stella Zelnik to adjourn at 9:10