

MINUTES
CLOSTER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, December 1, 2014
8:05 PM

A. Call to order – Statement of Open Public Meetings Act Mr. Adriance called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Attendance:

Absences (excused) Bill Martin, Joel Zelnik

Present: Tim Adriance, Jennifer Rothschild, Bobbie Bouton Goldberg, Susan McTigue, Eric Lenander, Orlando Tobia, John Kashwick (Council Liaison), Jayne Rubenfeld Waldron 8:28

D. Minutes- October 2014 – MSC McTigue, Bouton Goldberg to approve minutes of October 2014 (Erik Lenander abstaining)

E. Open to Public : none present

F. Correspondence – separate sheet – outgoing mail giving notice of Hickory Lane nomination hearing

G. Hearing regarding Designation Proposal for Hickory Lane – Hearing opened by Mr. Adriance at 8:10 p.m. Mr. Adriance reads the resolution. No one is in attendance from the public; there is no public comment. Ms. Bouton-Goldberg notes that the report is well done and Mr. Adriance highlights current photos of Hickory Lane, starting at Piermont Road and travelling eastward. These are from Google streetsview. Mr. Adriance notes that the cover photo is 2/3 of the historic Doremus house photo. He describes other photos in the report. Ms. Bouton-Goldberg wishes to add some bibliographical information to the report. Mr. Lenander notes that McBain Farm Park was not purchased with Green Acres funds, but was obtained via a land swap. Mr. Adriance states that the land swapped on Piermont Road was part of Closter's Green Acres properties. Discussion. Mr. Lenander asks if the historic cemetery is a part of this designation effort; Mr. Adriance states that only the roadway (Hickory Lane) is being proposed in this nomination. MSC Bouton-Goldberg, Rothschild to forward the nomination report to the Mayor and Council. Unanimous approval. Hearing closed at 8:24 p.m.

H. Old Business

1. Active future proposals for designation
 - A. Nagel/Auryansen Cemetery – no report
 - B. High Street District - no report
 - C. G. Trautwein-Haring Area – no report
 - D. Blanche Avenue – Ms. Bouton Goldberg reports that it's nearly complete
 - E. MacBain Farmhouse – no report
2. Closter Hall of Fame – no report

I. Liaison Reports

1. Council – John Kashwick –The council voted to accept the donation of the Harold Hess Lustron house, so if the title search and environmental report is o.k. and the applicant gets the permits to build there, it will be acquired. No update on the budget yet. The clerk has asked for those up for re-appointment to let her know. Discussion about whose terms are expiring. Mr. Adriance will communicate with any other member whose term has expired and will report back to the Borough Clerk. Ms. McTigue asks if the Commission will be putting together a presentation regarding the Lustron and how it could be used. The question was asked if Borough Hall should be repointed on the entire front façade and coated with a clear coat. Bill Martin was consulted by the Borough Hall Committee on this matter in the past.

2. Planning Board – Erik Lenander – last meeting next week. Quiet except soil movements permits. Closter Plaza/Marketplace litigation is winding its way though the courts.

4 Brief reports on topics related to historic preservation *only* -

(1)Ms. McTigue is resigning from the Closter Improvement Commission and sends a message via Vickie Amitai that the position is open, should anyone else from the Commission wish to serve in this role.

(2) Ms. McTigue met with Bev Murray last week in an effort to resurrect the Closter Historical Society. She shows an article in the Northern Valley Press about the Bergen County Historical Society's new space in the Bergen Community College. She states that the Closter Historical Archive at the library might be better handled via the Bergen County Historical Society. She put a notice in the Suburbanite and the NV press to solicit new members for the Historical Society. Discussion regarding conversations with Ruth Rando at the Closter Public Library and plans for future shelving of materials there. Discussion also about the Lustron House being the site for storage of Historical Society archives.

I. New Business

1. Continuing education – report all classes and lectures attended to Jayne. No reports.

2. Talks with Toby – Susan McTigue –Harriet Pitofsky called from the Senior Center requesting dates when Orlando Tobia (“Toby”) could speak at the Senior Center. Susan spoke with her. Jennifer will share notes with Susan regarding the upcoming year. Ms. Bouton Goldberg notes that the plan was for 3 programs per year with one in the library.

3. Other: Tim Adriance is working for the Borough of Paramus on delineating historic districts. He reports. He is working on a digital map that would call up all of the historic sites. Discussion. He suggests that it's a project that we might wish to do in Closter. It could show state/national register sites, points of interest, etc. Ms. Rothschild offers to try to create this map and asks Tim to send the URL. Ms. Rubinfeld-Waldron states that it would be good for Bergen County to do this.

4. Certificate of Appreciation given to John Kashwick.

J. Adjournment MSC to adjourn: Lenander, Rothschild at 9:06