

**MINUTES**  
**CLOSTER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Monday, May 19, 2014,**  
**8:00 PM**

- A. Call to order** – Statement of Open Public Meetings Act read by Mr. Adriance at 8:10
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Attendance**  
**Present:** Tim Adriance, Jennifer Rothschild, Bobbie Bouton Goldberg, William J. Martin, Susan McTigue, Jayne Rubenfeld Waldron  
**Excused (absent):** Irene Stella, Joel Zelnik, Orlando Tobia
- D. Minutes – April 2014 – MSC** to approve Bouton Goldberg, McTigue
- E. Open to Public** - no one in attendance
- F. Correspondence** – outgoing, to Douglas Radick re: 269 Piermont Rd. (Lee) regarding porch railing. Mr. Adriance distributed the letter with attachments to the Commission. He reads the letter aloud and explains. He reads Doug Radick’s response. Discussion.

**Old Business**

**G. 1. Active Subjects:**

**A. Closter Borough Hall** – Has been recommended for designation by Planning Board; will return to Mayor and Council for vote (per email from Irene Stella)

**B. Nagel/Auryansen Cemetery** – Mr. Adriance reports that he visited there yesterday; the flag has been replaced (by the DPW?). Discussion about the grass, memorial flags and whether they will be placed on the holiday. He describes his research regarding the cemetery.

**C. High Street District** – Ms. Bouton Goldberg notes the new additions to the High Street exhibit in the Council Chambers. She discusses her plans for inclusions in the future. Discussion.

**D. G. Trautwein-Haring Area** – no report

**E. Vervalen House 151 West St.** – no report

**F. G. MacBain Farm** – Ms. Bouton Goldberg distributes the Bergen County historic resources Survey form for the MacBain farm.

2. “Talks with Toby” – Ms. Bouton Goldberg reports that she attended the last one; his last talk of the year will be about Old Closter Dock Road. She states that Susan McTigue will take photos of relevant houses/buildings on Old Closter Dock Road so that he can hold them up while he speaks about them. She asks if he should include “Main Street” portion of Old Closter Dock Road; consensus is “yes.” Ms. McTigue reports that she took a photo at the prior Talks with Toby event and that it was submitted to the Northern Valley Press, who printed it.

**3. Cemetery Award** – no report

**4. Closter Hall of Fame** – Mr. Martin presents a mock-up of how the Hall of Fame will be

done; he asks how large the final product should be. He asks if there should be a graphic (photo) with each name, along with a key-in to the map with numbers. Discussion. Ms. McTigue asks if there is a space yet determined for this project in the library. Ms. Rothschild asks who might like to work on this project with Joel; Ms. McTigue volunteers.

## **H. Liaison Reports**

**1. Council** – John Kashwick (absent – no report)

Update on Lustron Property – Ms. Stella emailed that there is no report

**2. Planning Board** – Irene Stella – (absent; no report)

**3. Other** – via email, Irene Stella reports that the Improvement Commission would like an HPC member to serve on their Commission; they are having an Arts Fair on June 1<sup>st</sup> at Closter Commons; Ms. Bouton Goldberg reports that she is planning a pollinator garden for the Buzzoni Farm. Discussion about Blanche Avenue. Ms. Bouton Goldberg proposes a sign (like the one that Norwood has done) closer to Buzzoni; Mr. Adriance suggests that Blanche Avenue be considered for designation. Ms. McTigue references signage in the Closter Nature Center as a good example of how such signage could be done. Mr. Adriance reports that the Closter Nature Center approached him regarding early ownership of the land that now encompasses the CNC. It was known as the “PAPEFLY.” Mr. Adriance consulted with Kevin Wright, historian, who is conversant in Native American terminology. Discussion about Schaller property on Old Closter Dock Road.

## **I. New Business**

**1. 2013 report and 2014 goals.** Letter with 2013 report has been prepared and will be sent to Council and Planning Board.

**2. Continuing education** – report all classes – no report

**3. Orlando Tobia’s Historical archive** – Ms. McTigue spoke with someone at the High School regarding Senior Service. The programs are set up around January. She recommends that the scanning begin much sooner. Discussion. Mr. Adriance suggests that original photos be scanned at 600 dpi; photocopies can be scanned at a lower resolution.

**4. Other** – Ms. Bouton Goldberg would like Blanche Ave. sign and nomination be added to goals for 2014. Mr. Adriance notes that it’s still a county road. Discussion.

May 9<sup>th</sup> was the anniversary of the Raid in Closter.

Mr. Martin asks if there is an interest in adding the quarry off Gilletta Ave. to the Goals. Closter sandstone was quarried there; it was a lighter color than the red sandstone quarried in Hackensack and Rockland County. Mr. Martin suggests looking at the tax map for property ownership. A suggestion is that it be on the list of goals for 2015. Ms. Bouton Goldberg spoke with someone at Pasvalco. Mr. Adriance states that Dave Anderson is a good resource for history of the quarry. Discussion.

## **J. Adjournment MSC ROTHSCHILD BBG at 9:20 p.m.**