

MINUTES
CLOSTER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, February 22nd, 2016
8:00 PM

A. Call to order – Mr. Adriance read the Statement of Open Public Meetings Act and called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Attendance:

Present: Jennifer Rothschild, Joel Zelnik, Susan McTigue, Jane Rubenfeld-Waldron, Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg, Orlando Tobia, Tim Adriance, Brian Stabile

Absent/Excused: Eric Lenander, Sophie Heymann, William J. Martin

D. Minutes- January 2016 Motion by Ms. Bouton-Goldberg Seconded by Mr. Zelnik to approve the minutes from January 2016. Approved

E. Open to Public: None present

F. Correspondence: Separate sheet distributed; one outgoing letter from the HPC to the Closter Construction Code Official regarding Congregational Church property at West Street and Harrington Avenue; Incoming: BCHS workshop flier. Mr. Adriance states that Commissioners do have an obligation for continuing education, so try to attend this workshop; Two development applications:

1. Planning Board for property at Susan Drive/Ruckman Rd. It's not within our jurisdiction;
2. Planning Board site plan for property at 48-58 Perry Street. This is a brownfield site and is adjacent to the railroad tracks. Mr. Tobia states that it was a Sterno factory and prior to that it was a factory making electrical transformers and lighting fixtures.

G. 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: Need to contact the Mayor and Council to recognize Blanch Avenue; Mr. Adriance will write a letter
 - E. MacBain Farmhouse: Bobbie states that she has been working on this and has been given materials by Erik Lenander

H. Liaison Reports

1. Council: With regard to the former Congregational Church, he reports that the building department would need to approve any utility shut-off; the council has requested that they be notified if an application comes to the Building Department. Jennifer asks about the budget for 2016 and asks that the amount be increased from last year's budget, so that continuing education for the commissioners can be funded. Jayne states that continuing education is required of CLG's.
2. Planning Board: No report

I. New Business

1. Lustron House: Jennifer reports that the deadline for the grant decision has not yet been reached.

2. Continuing Education – Jayne is actively collecting information for the 2016 CLG report.

3. Talks with Toby –No report

4. Closter Historic Society update – Susan McTigue

5. Bergen County Historic Preservation Awards – Jennifer is working on the nomination for Sophie Heymann as a leader in Historic Preservation

6. (Sale of) Congregational Church: See outgoing mail, above. Discussion about zoning. Mr. Stabile states that the property is zoned residential.

7. Other: Susan describes a Sears House that is going to be demolished and asks if photographing inside and out would be useful. Discussion. Bobbie suggests that a display of Sears houses in Closter could be done.

Doremus house at 7 Hickory Lane (corner Hickory and Piermont): Jayne brought in photographs dating back to the 1880s. Mr. Adriance describes the photographs.

Susan brings an ad from the Abram Demaree House “Buy and Sell” shop and farm shop/restaurant. Discussion.

Hickory Lane: Bobbie asks what is the status? Jennifer will send Tim the report for revisions.

J. Adjournment Motion by Ms. Rothschild seconded by Mr. Zelnik at 9 p.m.