

**Minutes**  
**CLOSTER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MONDAY, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**  
**8:00 PM**

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

**B. Pledge of Allegiance** – Mr. Adriance led the pledge of Allegiance

**C. Attendance**

**Present:** Tim Adriance, Jennifer Rothschild, Erik Lenander, William J. Martin, Jayne Rubenfeld-Waldron, Susan McTigue, Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg, Sophie Heymann, Brian Stabile  
**Absent/Excused:** Orlando Tobia, Joel Zelnik

**D. Minutes- April 2016** Motion by Susan seconded by Bobbie to accept the minutes. Motion passed. Jayne and Erik abstain; they were not present at last meeting.

**E. Open to Public:** none present

**F. Correspondence** – separate sheet

**Incoming:** Bergen County Bd. Of Chosen Freeholders – May is Preservation month; State of NJ grant award - \$24,999. For preservation plan for the Lustron House; Discussion about mechanics of the grant.

Mahwah Museum Society invitation

**Outgoing:** None

**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. MacBain Farmhouse 203 Hickory Lane – Bobbie has copies of a draft. She is waiting to hear back from a couple of people and is working on the resources bibliography.
2. Hickory Lane – Tim will revisit the issue
3. Blanch Avenue – Tim will revisit the issue

**H. Liaison Reports**

1. Council – budget is adopted \$2400 for this year. Brian asks that we use the budget. Downtown Closter: The alleyway between Celebrity salons and the florist – there's a push to develop this as a public park. Brian brings this to the HPC's attention to ask if we would like to give input. Discussion. The Commission is favorable to this idea.
2. Planning Board – Sophie brings to the HPC's attention the Village School application that is before the Zoning Board. Bill Martin reviewed the photos and gave comments. Sophie urges vigilance by the Commission. Discussion about the effect of the comments that are

submitted to the Zoning Board. Consensus is that the opinion will be entered into the record, but that the Zoning Board is not mandated to follow the Commission's opinion. Discussion.

**I. New Business**

1. Lustron House grant and tenancy – discussion above. Bobbie calls attention to the Lustron exhibit that is mounted adjacent to the mayor's office downstairs in Borough Hall..
2. Continuing Education – report all classes and lectures attended to Jayne
3. Talks with Toby – no report. Jayne states that Toby is prepared to give a talk about Italian Americans in Closter in June. Bobbie thinks that the date was cancelled.
4. Ideas for new designations: Bobbie reports that she went through the Sites Survey. She passes around a list. 96 Bradley is crossed off the list. The stone house behind the Sear Steakhouse is problematic for designation because it's not visible from a public right of way and the stone has been covered. Ms. Heymann asks the Commission to consider a house off Schraalenburg Road. Previous discussions with the owner indicate that there might be resistance. Jennifer points out that there is a list of potential designations in the Historic Element to the Master Plan. The Bronze factory building is also something to consider. Jennifer raises the issue of how to broach the topic with the homeowners prior to sending the legal notice. Tim proposes sending a letter along with a copy of e.g. an old photo or map and recognize their contributions as present caretaker of this structure. Jayne suggests trying to designate more than one house at a time, and inviting property owners to one of our meetings. Bill suggests that there be a ranking of these properties as to which are more intact, etc. Bobbie wishes to propose designation of 681 Old Closter Dock Road. Discussion.

**J. Other – Erik reminds the Commission to complete their Financial Disclosure statements. Jayne asks about the Closter Plaza Sign.**

**K. Adjournment** Motion by Erik Lenander, seconded Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m.