

**MINUTES**  
**CLOSTER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**  
**8:00 PM**

**A. Call to order** – Statement of Open Public Meetings Act

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Attendance**

**Present:** Tim Adriance, Jennifer Rothschild Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg, Jayne Rubenfeld-Waldron, Joel Zelnick, William J. Martin

Sophie Heymann, Planning Board Liaison

Brian Stabile, Council Liaison

**Absent:** Susan McTigue, Orlando Tobia, Erik Lenander

**D. Minutes- September 2016** Ms. Bouton-Goldberg moves to approve the minutes, Mr. Zelnick seconds. Approved

**E. Open to Public** - None present

**F. Correspondence** – see separate sheet

**G. Old Business**

1. Active future proposals for designation

A. Nagel/Auryansen Cemetery –Mr. Adriancevisited last week and it looks fine

B. High Street District – letter to homeowners; slideshow – date is set for November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.; Rose Mitchell will send a letter to all property owners whose homes are featured in this presentation. Mr. Adriance will send a digital copy of his signed letter to Ms. Mitchell. Mr. Adriance asks everyone to review the proposed letter to the homeowners. Ms. Heymann makes proposed changes to keep it simple. Discussion.

C. G. Trautwein-Haring Area – no report

D. MacBain Farmhouse – Discussion about nomination report and possible applicability of CLG grants for this house

2. Hickory Lane – no report

3. Blanch Avenue – no report

**H. Liaison Reports**

1. Council – Discussion about caretaker RFQ for Lustron house; it will be taken up at Wednesday night's meeting

2. Planning Board – no report

**I. New Business**

1. Lustron House caretaker position; preservation plan grant – no word yet from the state HPO regarding the grant contract. Mr. Stabile reads the council resolution aloud. Discussion about the language. Any changes will be sent to Mr. Stabile before Wednesday's meeting.

2. Continuing Education – report all classes and lectures attended to Jayne

3. Talks with Toby – no report

4. 151 West Street – Vervalen house Mr. Adriance met with the homeowners who think of themselves as “caretakers.” He states that they are amenable to historic designation of the house. Mr. Adriance describes the house. It is 20 feet square and fits the prototype of an early stone house, although the stone on the exterior would indicate a later type. The ledger board above the door that is set into the stone also indicates a later house (post-Revolutionary War). The basement stone indicates an earlier house, probably Barnabus Vervalen’s house that was built in 1715. Mr. Adriance estimates that the newer aspects of the stone house were built in 1780 or 1790. Discussion.

**J. Other** – Ms. Heymann reports that the historic Mid-Century Closter Plaza sign will be kept and refurbished. Mr. Zelnik reports that he spoke with the national marketing director for Edens about this as well. Mr. Adriance reports that Kevin Wright of the Bergen County Historical Society has passed away.

**K. Adjournment** Motion by William J. Martin, Seconded by Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg, to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.