

The Historic Preservation Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:33pm at the East Amwell Township Municipal Building.

In attendance:

Members: Barbara Sageser (Committee Chair), Jennifer Floyd (Vice Chair), Kat Cannelongo, Frances Gavigan, Dave Harding, Paul Sterchele, Pam McGovern,

Secretary: Christine Rosikiewicz

Absent:

Jim Davidson (Historian), Pauline Serafin, Peg Sullivan, Mary Van Horn

Statement of Compliance:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting was advertised as a regular meeting in the February 9, 2012 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. A copy of the agenda for this meeting was forwarded to the Township Clerk's office, posted on the bulletin board, sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, the Trenton Times and Star Ledger on November 21, 2012.

Approval of Minutes October 23, 2012:

F. Gavigan made a motion to approve the October 23, 2012 minutes with one typographical correction. P. Sterchele seconded the motion. All were in favor; the minutes were approved.

Open to Public:

J. Floyd made a motion to open to the public; F. Gavigan seconded it. All were in favor; the meeting was open to the public.

Being no public present F. Gavigan made a motion to close the meeting to the public; J. Floyd seconded it. All were in favor; the meeting was closed to the public.

Old Business:

1. Program Review – Lindbergh bus tour

B. Sageser reported that there was much interested in the bus tour and only four people canceled; she had a waiting list. Mr. Davidson has offered to have a second house tour. B. Sageser has a list of interested people who would like to attend future events. F. Gavigan commented favorably on the program and shared pictures she took. Committee members discussed the tour and commented favorably on Mr. Davidson's narration. Mr. Harding wrote an article for the VIP about it. P. McGovern commented favorably on the book Mr. Davidson just published; it was reviewed in the Star Ledger.

2. Report – Clawson House Rehabilitation

B. Sageser received a proposal from the architect which she has provided the committee with. She reviewed it and the comments from the County; site work was not included. B. Sageser said the county may have believed the dirt basement would be torn down but it won't be. She has submitted the second interim report. She will provide the committee with what was sent to the SADC and has provided the architect with the guidelines that form part of the grant.

The approach to the project was discussed. The County is requesting six over six windows and the bay window removed to represent an earlier time period, early federal style. The State is concerned the bay window represents a period of significance in Ringoes. They advocate a rehabilitation preserving existing historic features including the bay window and replacing windows that cannot be repaired in kind. There will be a meeting tomorrow with the County to discuss this.

3. Multiple Property Documentation Forms

K. Cannelongo explained that the multiple property documentation pertains to a specific theme of buildings i.e. all Old Dutch houses, all old stone houses. There is no specific cost for it. A survey will need to be done of each home which will be an expense. Different types of homes in the Township that could be a part of it were discussed.

4. Budget

B. Sageser read the budgeting memo from the CFO to the committee. She does not believe the archival materials were ordered yet for this year. Last years' budgets were discussed. A new budget category was discussed for upcoming projects such as the multiple property designation and Planning Board request for historic inventory. A request to update the historic inventory for the master plan and the possibility of a demolition ordinance were mentioned. It was determined a new budget category called "historic property documentation and research" would be created with a budget request of \$500. Workshops for next year were suggested as they are not that expensive. Ms. Sageser will draft the budget and submit it.

New Business:

1. Amwell Valley Rescue Squad

F. Gavigan reported that showers and a training room will be added; the impact on the historic district is minimal. She went over the plans and nearby property with the Committee. B. Sageser said it will be the same as before but slightly expanded.

Correspondence:

There were no comments on any correspondence.

Approval of Bills:

B. Sageser noted that there were bills for the specs and the bus tours.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for December 25, 2012. This meeting will be canceled; the committee will meet instead on Monday, December 17, 2012.

Adjournment:

F. Gavigan made a motion to adjourn the meeting; D. Harding seconded it. All were in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Rosikiewicz
Historic Preservation Secretary