

The Historic Preservation Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm at the East Amwell Township Municipal Building.

In Attendance:

Members: Barbara Sageser (Committee Chair), Jennifer Floyd (Vice Chair), Dave Harding (arrived 7:43), Pam McGovern, Pauline Serafin

Secretary: Christine Rosikiewicz

Absent:

Kat Cannelongo, Jim Davidson (Historian), Frances Gavigan, Paul Sterchele, 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 December 12, 2012.

Approval of Minutes November 27, 2012:

J. Floyd made a motion to approve the minutes with the following amendments:

Under Report- Clawson House Rehabilitation 2nd paragraph delete "which would be a later time period". Add: They advocate a rehabilitation preserving existing historic factors including the bay window and replacing windows that cannot be replaced in kind. Delete "The bay window cannot be used with the other windows."

Under Budget the fifth sentence should be amended to read "A request to update the historic inventory for the master plan and the possibility of a demolition ordinance were mentioned".

P. McGovern seconded the motion. All were in favor with P. Serafin abstaining.

Open to Public:

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

Mr. Brian Neuls and Mr. David Deutsch introduced themselves. They are working on making a television series documenting history in small towns such as East Amwell. D. Deutsch explained that he went to East Amwell School and Hunterdon Central. B. Nuels, D. Deutsch and the committee discussed East Amwell history including the Ringoes monument, Geary Raid, the Lenni Lenape Indians, and the Revolutionary War.

J. Floyd made a motion to close the meeting to the public; P. Serafin seconded it. All were in favor; the motion passed.

Old Business:

1. Report – Clawson House Rehabilitation

B. Sageser reported that the architect for Clawson House, Chris Pickel, advised that a weight bearing stone wall was removed from the basement of the house. She shared drawings from a contractor with the Committee and has asked for an estimate for the work to be completed. She provided the Committee with copies of estimates of the storm damage to the house. Approximately thirty-five slate roof tiles are missing. There is damage from water and animals; it is suggested the opening in the house be filled in with plywood. Work on the foundation can begin in the spring. Ms. Sageser will provide Mr. Matheny with this documentation. Mr. Harding noted that they are at a crucial point with this project. Ms. Sageser reported that she attended a meeting recently with the County and three members of SPHO regarding the house. SPHO has a rehabilitation approach; they did not want to remove the bay window unless it was structurally insufficient as they felt it was a structure of character of the Victorian period which was a period of significance to Ringoes. The County requested in the grant that there be Federal windows which are 6 over 6 and 9 over 6. In most of the house, except for one room, the windows have been converted to the later period. J. Floyd reported that SPHO will be writing a letter with their position. B. Sageser expressed that the main item is to fix the envelope to stop deterioration; hopefully building will start next year.

2. Budget

B. Sageser provided Committee members with a draft copy of the proposed 2013 budget and e-mails between her and the CFO regarding the proposed budget; the Committee briefly went over these.

J. Floyd made a motion to accept this draft as the proposed budget; D. Harding seconded the motion. All were favor; the motion passed.

New Business:

1. 2013 Committee Membership

The following members have terms that are expiring: J. Davidson, F. Gavigan, B. Sageser and P. McGovern. All would like to serve again. It was noted that there will be a full board with two alternates.

2. Employee Evaluation

B. Sageser was asked to complete an annual evaluation for the Committee Secretary on a document she received from Tim Matheny. She went over options for completing the evaluation, it is due January 11th. J. Floyd offered to help with it.

3. Photos of Clawson House

D. Harding inquired if there were any photos of Clawson House; he will reach out to Mr. Clawson's daughters and ask them for photos. B. Sageser was asked if there were any photos of streetscapes; no one could recall any of this location. J. Floyd indicated that it would be beneficial to have pictures of the porch. Some of the history of the house was briefly discussed.

Correspondence:

There were no comments on any correspondence.

Approval of Bills:

B. Sageser advised the Committee of a bill for \$140 for the bus for the Lindbergh Tour.

D. Harding made a motion to approve the bill to be paid; J. Floyd seconded it. All were in favor; the motion passed.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be the reorganizational meeting; it is scheduled for January 22, 2013 at 7:30.

J. Floyd inquired about an e-mail she sent to B. Sageser to order supplies including clamshell boxes for the scrapbooks in the Quick collection, as was recommended by the CAPES Survey. It was also recommended that Dr. Larison's papers in the Quick collection be separated from the rest of the collection; B. Sageser and D. Harding offered to help J. Floyd with this project.

Adjournment:

J. Floyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting; P. Serafin seconded it. All were in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Rosikiewicz
Historic Preservation Secretary