

**In Attendance:**

Members: Jennifer Floyd (Vice Chair), Dave Harding, Barbara Sageser (Committee Chair), Paul Sterchele, Peg Sullivan, Jim Davidson (Historian), Pam McGovern

Secretary: Christine Rosikiewicz

**Absent:** Kat Cannelongo, Frances Gavigan, Pauline Serafin, 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 7, 2013 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. Notice of the meeting filed with the Township Clerk, posted on the Township bulletin board and sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, the Trenton Times, and the Star Ledger on February 19, 2013.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30p.m.

**Approval of Minutes, January 22, 2013:**

The January 22, 2013 minutes were tabled to the March meeting due to lack of quorum.

**Open to Public:**

Mr. David Deutsch was in attendance; he indicated that he has attended two previous meetings. He is working on a project to document to the history of the area for public television.

**Being no further comments from the public J. Floyd made a motion to close the meeting to the public; P. Sterchele seconded it. All were in favor; the meeting was closed to the public.**

**Old Business:**

## 1. Planning of Goals for 2013

B. Sageser referred to an e-mail from F. Gavigan who attended the Planning Board meeting. B. Sageser outlined the Planning Board goals from F. Gavigan's e-mail. Ms. Sageser advised that one of the Committee's goals should be to review the Planning Board's goals and work with them on any Master Plan revisions.

Ms. Sageser noted that the Design Awards did not take place last year and takes place every two years now.

**P. Sullivan made a motion to hold the Design Awards. J. Floyd seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion carried.**

Ms. Sageser said another goal was to coordinate with the County for the Tricentennial.

It was noted that there are many requests for Historic Preservation Committee tours.

Taking oral histories from war veterans was mentioned. This item is not a Committee goal at this time; J. Floyd will ask the Historic Society if they are interested in this project.

Coordinating with other relevant Township Committees and working with the school was mentioned.

The goals will be discussed again next month.

## 2. Clawson House

B. Sageser reported that the storm damage should be repaired; she submitted a proposal for the work to Tim Matheny.

B. Sageser said Clawson House was not brought up at the County Cultural and Heritage meeting. B. Sageser followed up with Stephanie Stevens from the County and was advised that Ms. Stevens did not receive the letter from the State following the site visit in November. B. Sageser will compose a letter to the County that indicating that the Committee concurs with the State's recommendation that this should be treated as a rehabilitation and not a restoration and should show the history of the house and Township.

B. Sageser received a generic letter from the County inquiring if the Committee would be applying for a grant this year. She went over what the current grants are for. It was agreed that the grant application would be for the addition. It was noted that the same drawings (which are currently being updated) could be used for this grant application. The deadline for the grant application is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**J. Davidson made a motion to again this year apply for the Historic Preservation grant from the County. J. Floyd seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.**

B. Sageser will let the County know via e-mail that the Committee is applying. It was questioned whether the Committee applied last year and there have been two previous grants received.

### **New Business:**

#### 1. Report on Township Committee Action on Historic Preservation Committee Budget

B. Sageser reported that Township Committee is looking to cut budgets by 5 to 10 percent. It was brought up at the Township Committee meeting that fees could be charged for the bus tours.

B. Sageser said funds were requested for consulting regarding the Cavalier homestead and properties that are not in the Historic District.

J. Davidson inquired regarding the proposed Demolition Ordinance; B. Sageser will follow up on this.

### **Correspondence:**

#### 1. Letter from Glorianne Robbi re: Greenfest

B. Sageser went over this letter with the Committee and materials the Committee could utilize at this event including the Quick Collection, artifacts, a Power Point presentation and maps. B. Sageser and P. Sullivan can attend the event. Selling books at the event was mentioned.

#### 2. Letter from Marcia Karrow re: Volunteers for Tricentennial

B. Sageser said one volunteer from the Township is needed; F. Gavigan has volunteered. Additional volunteers will be needed. Magnets are being sold for ten dollars each.

3. E-mail from Marilyn Cummings re: 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration – Delaware Township

B. Sageser detailed this event to the Committee. Peg Sullivan and Pam McGovern will attend.

J. Davidson commented that the Committee held a walking tour a few years ago which was successful; perhaps this is something that could be done again.

P. McGovern asked for an explanation of the design awards. B. Sageser explained that anyone can nominate anyone. Committee members will go out and see what they believe is worthy and talk to the property owners. Places where fliers advertising this program could be provided was discussed. P. McGovern will compose an article for the VIP. B. Sageser will contact F. Gavigan to update the flier. P. Sullivan suggested photos from past contests be displayed at Greenfest. Other suggestions for the Greenfest display were discussed including applications for the Historic District including related research and hand drawn maps.

**Bills of the Evening:**

There were no bills of the evening.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is March 26, 2013.

**Adjournment:**

**J. Davidson made a motion, seconded by J. Floyd to adjourn the meeting at 8:32p.m. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Christine A. Rosikiewicz  
Historic Preservation Secretary