

**HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES**

March 27, 2013

8:15 p.m.

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Phyllis Angelo</u>	X	
<u>Mary Donohue</u>	X	
<u>Judi Sussman</u>		X
<u>Sara Theresa Bartelloni</u>	X	
<u>Harold DeYoung</u>	X	
<u>Mike Ginch</u>	X	
<u>Joan Kristan</u>		X
<u>Liaison Anthony Cappola</u>		X

AUDIENCE:

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Correction to the Minutes of February 27, 2013. Mary Donohue was present. Minutes were voted in. Stated during the hearing before the Mayor and Council the Mayor questioned if the Commission informed Mr. Gruska and Mr. Picone of the historic designation meeting. The Mayor was informed they were both notified and that Sam Cereste sent certified letters to the owners. The Mayor stated the Council required the Minutes of the meeting of the Designation hearing. Councilman, Cappola supplied the minutes to the borough, using his i phone. They will be transcribed and sent to the Council. The Mayor also requested the Council be supplied with the Historic component to the Master Plan. The Borough Advised the Commission that the Historic component does not appear to be physically incorporated into the Master Plan; however, it was voted on. Stated she spoke with Chris Caruso, the past Chairman of the Planning Board, and questioned him if he remembered Bill Lindsley writing the Historic component of the Master Plan. He stated he did remember and that it was voted for. He indicated that it should have been memorialized and in Sam Cereste's possession. There appears to be no memorialized, signed copies of the Historic component of the Master Plan. The Borough is not sure how the Commission is to proceed. The Borough, Clerk not sure if the Commission needs to make another presentation if it was already voted on.

HAROLD DeYOUNG: Stated that if there is an official record of the vote the Commission should not be required to do anything further, as it is a clerical job to have the minutes memorialized. He further stated he believes all that is required is to show the Mayor and Council that the Commission did what they needed to do and it was voted on.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated that Chris Caruso made the assumption he believed it was memorialized. In 2006 the Commission became a CLG and in order to become one you had to have a historic component to the Master Plan.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned how they know what version was voted on if it was not memorialized.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated that she does not know the answer to that question. She indicated she was able to find her copy of the historic component to the Master Plan and the back has the date she appeared at the meeting in 2002. She indicated that none of the amendments to the Master Plan were bound.

HAROLD DeYOUNG: He stated he had a copy of ordinance 1464 on historic landmarks sites signed by Mayor Watkins to be incorporated into the Master Plan; it would ultimately have to be voted on by the Council.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Indicated that when Sam Cereste was asked to make a determination on whether the Commission had a legal right to designate a home, he made reference to the Ordinance and the Master Plan giving the Commission the ability to historically designate any man made structure. Therefore, the Historic component must be in the Master Plan.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned the wording of Sam Cereste's letter, as it reads as if the Commission has the ultimate authority to designate.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated that is not the case and she is not sure how to proceed from here.

SARA BARTELLONI: Questioned how this could come to the attention of the Mayor and Council at this time, when they have been debating on work being done in the heart of New Bridge Landing.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated that former Mayor Watkins will come to the aid of the Historic Commission, if necessary.

SARA BARTELLONI: Questioned if they need to ask the Mayor and Council what the Commission needs to do to resolve this situation.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she does not know what the next step is. She questioned whether Sam Cereste should be contacted.

HAROLD DeYOUNG: Believed that Sam Cereste should be contacted that any information obtained from Sam Cereste should be passed on to the Mayor and Council.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated that the Mayor and Council require this information before this matter can be brought before the Planning Board.

MIKE GINCH: Stated that what has been done so far should be validated, as it appears that the Council was faulting the Commission for not having everything in order prior to the meeting, which was not the case.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Indicated that Denise gave the Mayor and Council, as well as the Planning Board Attorney, everything they requested. She advised she will also check with Sam Cereste.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated that in order to be effective, and if the Commission is to exist as a historic component to the Master Plan, then the Commission needs to follow up on this situation.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated that if they do not hear from the Council in a timely manner, she will send another letter. She indicated at the last meeting there was a discussion that the budget is \$750.00; however, they did not discuss what the money was going to be used for.

SARA BARTELLONI: Advised that the \$750.00 was specially earmarked to purchase the equipment needed for the oral histories.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if there was any particular equipment she wanted to purchase.

SARA BARTELLONI: Advised that the recommendation she received was to purchase a basic handheld Cannon camera, which records to a SD card and a tripod. The cost would be within budget.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised that Sara needs to complete a voucher for the equipment. She questioned Sara if she had an opportunity to work on the survey and photographs.

SARA BARTELLONI: Indicated that she has not had an opportunity, as a lot of time went into the historical designations. Advised that Joan had forwarded questions for the oral histories and wanted to obtain follow-up questions pertaining to the oral histories.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated that she wanted to wait until the next meeting, when Joan would be in attendance.

MARY DONOHUE: Suggested interviewing Bob Grylot, who was a former Mayor and Councilman.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised that she gave photographs to Mike Ginch to use for the fundraiser and questioned if the Commission wanted to make postcards or calendars.

MIKE GINCH: Stated that due to the limited amount of photographs on hand, a calendar would be better and then it can be expanded once more photographs are obtained.

MARY DONOHUE: Indicated that she remembered a church selling a deck of cards with 52 scenes of the town and believed that would be a good fundraiser. She suggested having the calendar done for this year for sale in November.

SARA BARTELLONI: Suggested having it done for River Edge Day in October.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned where the money would come from for the initial payout.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated that the money initially laid out for the calendars would be made back once the calendars are sold. Questioned Mary Donohue if there was any new information on New Bridge Landing, including any fundraising for New Bridge Landing.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated that they hope to have shovels in the ground within the year. She advised there will be 2 big fundraisers. One is an old baseball game scheduled for July 7th and the other fundraiser will be in September or October for a wine tasting event.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned if the River Edge Baseball or Little League was contacted to help drum up interest in the game.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated that they have not, but it would be a good idea.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if the town has a Grant Writer that could help write some historical grants. She indicated besides the historic designation, the Commission is comprehensive and the Commission is involved in other things, such as getting the historical information in one location. She stated that the calendar they are looking to print goes along with the idea of the blue markers. The blue markers were to bring historical awareness of the historical buildings in the town. She stated that she could ask Joe Picone if he would like to put a blue marker on his property once his house is designated. She indicated that a home does not have to be historically designated; the home only needs to be "historic" in order for the blue marker to be placed on the property. Advised that there are only 1 or 2 other houses that are historic.

MARY DONOHUE: Questioned if Roosevelt School is worthy of designating.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated yes it is and she is sure the Principal would be supportive of placing a marker on the property.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated the Commission should look into that.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:10 p.m.