

# **HISTORIC COMMISSION MINUTES**

**May 22, 2013**

8:12 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: Peter Dunsay

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised the Commission needs to discuss what material is needed for the Work Session on May 28, 2013.

**ANTHONY CAPPOLA:** Stated he spoke to the Council and Borough Clerk's Office and they were a bit ambiguous. He advised that the Clerk's Office reviewed the Minutes of the Planning Board and could not find anything with reference to the Historic Component of the Master Plan and the Committee needs to address that issue with the Planning Board. There was nothing in the Planning Board Minutes as to the "Historic Code".

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated she spoke with Chris Caruso, former chairman of the Planning Board, who stated he remembered Bill Lindsley attending the Meeting, and that Bill Lindsley wrote the Historic Component and was presented to the Planning Board. Also, in order to be a CLG you need to have a Historic Component to the Master Plan. All that information was forwarded to Trenton a few years ago.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Questioned if they just could not locate it in the Minutes.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised there are quite a few things missing.

**ANTHONY CAPPOLA:** Stated they suggested starting it all over again.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Said it is not something this Commission would have to do. Sam Cereste indicated the Commission followed everything to the letter.

**ANTHONY CAPPOLA:** The item not in the Master Plan is what enables this Commission to select a particular house and decide that it is historic.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Questioned what Trenton has in their records.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** In order to be a CLG, which the Town requested this Commission to do, we had to have a Historic Component of the Master Plan.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Questioned if the Commission is a CLG and the documents were forwarded to Trenton that could potentially be the documents and records the Planning Board lost.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** At the Work Session they mentioned the "Notice" and if certified letters were sent to the homeowner. Anything that was asked at the last meeting was placed in a folder that Denise is going to pass on. Stated she does not want the Council to ask us for information the Commission does not have with them.

**ANTHONY CAPPOLA:** It is not this Commission at this point, it is the Planning Board. I will speak with Ed Mignone, who is on the Planning Board, and get back to the Commission.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated they did find an application that was memorialized on December 18, 2003, which is the Site Designation Report, along with the vote.

**ANTHONY CAPPOLA:** Questioned what the Commission did not have when they first appeared before the Mayor and Council.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** The Mayor asked if the homeowners were notified in a timely fashion, if there were minutes of the votes, as well as the certified letters. The Mayor also asked for a copy of the certified letter that was sent to the homeowners.

**ANTHONY CAPPOLA:** Stated the Commission accommodated the Mayor with everything he asked of the Commission.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Yes, except for the incorporated Historic Component of the Master Plan.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Suggested contacting Trenton to see if they can provide copies of what was forwarded to them.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated it was a long time ago and not sure if they still have that information. Stated she will make a call to Trenton. Indicated she will bring Sam Cereste's letter to the Mayor and Council Meeting.

Indicated the \$750.00 they can get from Open Space Grant may be used for the oral histories. Questioned if they know what will be needed for the oral histories so an order can be placed before the summer.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Indicated they would need a video camera, SD card and tripod.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Not sure what the procedure is to purchase these items.

**PETER DUNSAY:** Suggested asking what the procedure is beforehand.

**JOAN KRISTAN:** Stated they have enough questions for the oral histories and the oral histories are ready to be started once the equipment is purchased.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Suggested going over the questions for the oral histories, as they will be interviewing 2 types of people; those that moved to River Edge as an adult, such as *Mary Donohue*, and those that lived here their whole lives, such as *Don Herrick*.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Stated that the Commission should move forward in getting the equipment.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Questioned if Sara was able to do more work on the historical survey.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Indicated she had not been able to do any more work on the survey.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Questioned if other Members could help with on the historical survey over the summer.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Stated the only thing that needs to be done on the survey is the typing.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Possibly we could pay someone to do the typing. Mike Ginch was working on the fundraiser with historic photographs and selling postcards or a calendar at River Edge Day.

**PETER DUNSAY:** Stated the Cultural Center made a calendar. There was an idea for an annual Community Calendar and have other community organizations on the calendar as well, but that did not happen.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated there was difficulty with the other organizations as they were not ready to commit 6 months in advance. Indicated other organizations events could be incorporated into the Historic Committee's calendar.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Indicated you could place dates on the calendar that have historical meaning to River Edge.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Questioned if Peter would have an idea what the cost would be to make the calendar.

**PETER DUNSAY:** Initial cost is to format the calendar and the second part is to have it printed. The Cultural Center's biggest cost for the calendar was the mailing.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated they will not be mailing the calendar, they will have the calendar available for purchase around town.

**PETER DUNSAY:** Suggested having dates on the calendar for upcoming town events.

**MEETING ADJOURNED. 9:25 p.m.**