

**HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES**

November 28, 2012

8:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:
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	<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>Kevin Wright (Consultant)</u>		
<u>Liaison Anthony Cappola</u>	X	

AUDIENCE:

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated that the budget for last year was given to the kiosks, in the amount of \$350.00, but indicated that the Committee will need that money this year. As a CLD, you need to attend one workshop per year, so I will check to see if there is one closer than Trenton. I put in for everybody to attend that, as well as requested money for photography. Questioned what type of money would be required for the oral history.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated very little money would be needed, if equipment were not purchased.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Not sure if equipment will be needed, however feels this is something that will be ongoing.

SARA BARTELLONI: Indicated the equipment is very basic, like a tripod and a handheld flip-cam. CD's may be helpful. State there is no need for expensive equipment. Indicated approximately \$260 for equipment would be needed.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she would rather ask for the money, and if it is not used, to give it back to the town at the end of the year.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated that in terms of the survey, it depends on what you wanted to do with the survey.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised that Alan likes to have a budget by the end of December.

SARA BARTELLONI: Suggested looking into transcribing software for the oral histories.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated they will keep the budget to \$500.00.

MARY DONOHUE: Indicated that a list should be given of the recommended equipment.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned if fundraising is out of the question.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated no, but not sure what type of fund raiser could be done.

MIKE GINCH: Suggested postcards of historical landmarks around town could be made and sold.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated that is something to look into and possibly sell at the library. Read the letter the Borough received from Sam Cereste, Borough Attorney, regarding the historical designation of the 2 homes in River Edge. Advised the Planning Board has 90 days to act on it, after that time it goes back to the Council for a recommendation. Stated she will inform everyone once they get the recommendation back. Advised that the State wants this Commission to have their own guidelines and requested a volunteer to assist her with putting that together.

SARA BARTELLONI: Questioned if the Committee has reached out to Closter regarding adopting some of their guidelines.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Indicated not yet, but she will reach out to the Chairman. Questioned Sara how the web site was coming along.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated the survey will be a PDF file and will be attached to the website.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised that the County had initially taken the photographs, however when they revised the survey, they went all over town and excluded some pictures of the homes on the survey as they were changed. Stated she tried to combine their own survey with the County survey to make it just of River Edge.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated that once that is prepared, it can be attached to the website.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if there was anyone else to be included in the oral histories.

MARY DONOHUE: Advised possibly Bob Graillat, a former Mayor of River Edge. Indicated she thought he would be very valuable.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated it is easy to list who should be interviewed, however, it is more difficult to come up with questions.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Indicated by the next meeting everybody should come up with a dozen questions. Stated an additional person to interview would be Don Herrick, as he went to school in River Edge.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated another interesting person is Kevin Rigby, as his parents grew up in River Edge, as well as the Bogards.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated need to prepare questions, calling the people and scheduling the interviews.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned where the interviews would take place.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated a central location would be difficult for some people, however a central location should be made available.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Indicated library would be a good location if people did not want it at their house.

MARY DONOHUE: Indicated another person to interview would be Kate O'Hare.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated they will start with the interviews with the list they have.

MARY DONOHUE: Indicated that 4/5 of Van Saun Park was owned by River Edge, and was eventually donated to the County.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated that the marker placed in Washington Spring says "River Edge". Questioned if anything was decided regarding researching the actual colors of the train station.

SARA BARTELLONI: Advised that if an old piece of wood could be found, it can be taken to Palmer Brothers to be tested for the formula.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated the train station colors are pretty close to the historic colors, however a sample should be taken to Palmer Brothers to have it on record. Questioned if there are any developments on the museum at River Edge Landing.

MARY DONOHUE: Advised "Sandy" was not kind to River Edge Landing and the flood that took place was ignored by the Department of Environmental Protection. Stated the Mayor and Council should get involved as this is an historic site that has been neglected by DEP. Advised public is not allowed to go into the building due to mold,

which is being corrected. Stated they are trying to make River Edge Landing a National Park. Believed the Mayor and Council should take notice of this, as New Bridge Landing is the Borough's greatest asset. Stated that Mayor Sandy was the first Mayor to go to New Bridge Landing to see what happened and what could be done.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned the other two houses on the property.

MARY DONOHUE: Advised those homes were not damaged, however the storage building was flooded.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if New Bridge Landing was going forward with the fundraiser to have a museum.

MARY DONOHUE: Advised there is over \$100,000 of private money. Stated they do not have any DEP Commissioners who are interested in preserving this site. Advised in anticipation of the redevelopment of southern end of town, the name of the post office and the railroad station was changed.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised she is concerned about the River Edge historical records are not at a central location.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated that Bergen Community College would be the perfect place to house Bergen County records, however they do not have a contact person at the college.

MEMBER: Questioned how big a collection there is.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she does not know how much information Bergen County Historical Society has on River Edge, however the Cultural Center and the library has information.

MEMBER: Questioned since the library does private fundraising, why not ask the library to help with the historical records.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated the library does have space to house the River Edge records, however not an individual to catalog the records. Indicated this is something the Commission should try to accomplish.

MEETING ADJOURNED