

# ***HISTORIC COMMISSION***

## ***MINUTES***

***October 18, 2017***

8:05 p.m.

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Phyllis Angelo</u>	X	
<u>Mary Donohue</u>	X	
<u>Sara Theresa Bartelloni</u>		X
<u>Mike Ginch</u>	X	
<u>Eric Model</u>		X
<u>Elizabeth McGinty</u>	X	
<u>John Cookson</u>		X
<u>Liaison Dario Chinigo</u>		X

AUDIENCE: Margaret Churley

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised she spoke with the Mayor on River Edge Day who indicated they will have the Historic Component of the Master Plan, working with the Planning Board, by the end of October. Stated John Cookson was officially appointed onto the Commission. Indicated Margaret Churley will be presenting a summary of the archiving work she and George Carter have been doing this year and she is in attendance.

**MARGARET CHURLEY:** Thanked Phyllis for inviting her to work on the project, and stated it is not only good monetarily, but it has been a privilege to work on this project with George Carter and see the progression of the town throughout the years. Stated George has a wealth of knowledge as to how things should be archived, cataloged and hopefully the Committee can find a way to get this online. Advised last year George scanned and she typed in descriptions of pictures from 1900 through 1990's and last year they did a lot of the postcards and pictures, along with the Centennial album from 1994. Stated this year she finished the pictures that were in albums that were primarily library programs.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated last time she was working on the material from the Borough Historian, namely articles.

**MARGARET CHURLEY:** Indicated that she was working on that.

**MIKE GINCH:** Questioned if she was aware they are trying to put out the word if anyone has photographs or anything to donate them to the Commission and stated the next time they are working on what people are donating they should film it and put it up on YouTube, which would better promote the cause.

**MARGARET CHURLEY:** Stated she thinks it is possible to do that, but questioned how much of a response he would get and questioned where it would be placed.

**MIKE GINCH:** Indicated YouTube or Facebook.

**MARGARET CHURLEY:** Questioned if they have any links for the Historic Commission on the Borough website.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated that they do.

**MARY DONOHUE:** Advised she spoke with Kevin Rigby, former Mayor and told him the Commission would like to have him for the oral history.

**MIKE GINCH:** Advised Joe Maguire is still working as a crossing guard.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised that was someone that Elizabeth was interested in doing, but he wasn't available. Questioned if you think he would be available for the oral history at this time.

**ELIZABETH MCGINTY:** Stated Joe keeps pushing her off.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Indicated since he is back at work, maybe check with him again to see if he is available.

**ELIZABETH MCGINTY:** Stated she will check with him again.

**MARGARET CHURLEY:** Advised the Library has some oral histories that the River Dell students did in 1976 from people who grew up in town.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated they do have those and she has some oral histories that was done with the Cultural Center, which included Mrs. Murrin and Jane Zabriskie Bogert. Stated she has a picture of the Zabriskie's farmhouse that went down right after WWII and with the GI Bill, River Edge started to get built up.

**MIKE GINCH:** Questioned if the histories you were referring to are written down.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** The River Dell students histories are written accountings.

**MIKE GINCH:** Suggested having someone read the histories on YouTube and have a background of River Edge, just to get everything in one place.

**ELIZABETH MCGINTY:** Indicated it would be like a podcast.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Said those people were very influential in town.

**MARGARET CHURLEY:** Stated Alice Mc Kenzie was the Town Historian back in the 1980's and 1990's and there are 8 or 9 volumes that she filled with clippings. Advised the problem with the albums is she left some pages blank so the pages stick

together, some places she placed the entire Town Newspaper, which should go into the file cabinet and she is finding some albums that she glued the articles down.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated that makes it very hard to scan.

**MIKE GINCH:** Indicated you can take a page out and scan it.

**MARGARET CHURLEY:** Advised George has scanned some of the pages, but it is a lot of work.

**MIKE GINCH:** Stated if she has any challenges with the scanning, to let him know.

**MARGARET CHURLEY:** Stated those are some of the problems they are running into right now with scanning the documents.

**MIKE GINCH:** Stated it would not be a bad idea to have student volunteers to work on the project to fill the gaps.

**MARGARET CHURLEY:** Stated she does not think everything is valuable but wants to give the most complete picture of the town and given the information, resources and computer capabilities she does not want to overwhelm people.

**MIKE GINCH:** Stated he thinks everything is valuable, as somewhere down the line someone may look up that information, but it is not relevant for what she are doing right now.

**MARGARET CHURLEY:** Indicated they are concentrating on River Edge and the people, politicians and such.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated they are concentrating on the people who influenced the town over the years and what the town looked like and how it changed.

**MARGARET CHURLEY:** Advised you cannot access The Record before 1984, but it is on microfilm back to 1900's.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated the general public does not have access to that information, only the reporters.

**MIKE GINCH:** Advised the two signs on Clarendon Court are going to cost money and the kiosks should be done this weekend.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Questioned if you want her to put the costs for Clarendon Court in the budget.

**MIKE GINCH:** Stated she will have to.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Questioned who is in charge of the VFW.

**MIKE GINCH:** Indicated he believes Harry may know.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated she is not sure Harry belonged to the VFW. Advised she will include the Clarendon Court, the workshop and the archives in the 2018 budget. Questioned Mary if there is anything to report on New Bridge Landing.

**MARY DONOHUE:** Stated they expect to have shovels in the ground in the spring and they will not be accepting monies from the Federal Government, State Government or the County to do that work.

**MEETING ADJOURNED. Next Meeting November 29, 2017**