

HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 25, 2017
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>Joan Kristan</u>		X
<u>Eric Model</u>	X	
<u>Elizabeth McGinty</u>	X	
<u>Liaison Vito Acquafredda</u>		X

AUDIENCE:

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Introduced Elizabeth McGinty as the new member of the Commission. Advised she received a response from the attorney and stated in order to restart the designation of the two homes, they first need to have the Historic Component of the Master Plan complete. Indicated the attorney did not know the status of the Historic Component, as the Planning Board needs to make a decision and she indicated Judy reached out to the Mayor for her, who stated he does not know if they have come to a conclusion.

MARY DONOHUE: Questioned why Tom Sarlo did not go before the Planning Board and request an answer, as that is the Borough Attorney's responsibility.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised Judy, the Assistant Borough Clerk suggested someone from the Commission go before the next Council Meeting and question what the status is of the Historic Component. She further indicated she could contact the Planning Board Attorney and ask what the status before going to the Meeting.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated it is outrageous, as it has been going on for at least a year.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Discussed having a River Dell Student join the Commission and Sara was looking into getting students who were interested and the County suggested having a history student on the Commission.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned how the County came to weigh in on this discussion.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated the County asked what was happening with replacing Kevin Wright and she told them she did not know of anyone who had enough knowledge of River Edge to be the new Historian. She further stated the County suggested a class of history students to join the Commission for a year. Stated she first wants to make sure they have an available position to have a student on the Commission.

MIKE GINCH: Indicated there are 7 members and questioned how many members you need on the Commission.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated the River Dell students do not have to be voting members.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised she can exercise her authority to remove a member from the Commission if they do not attend a certain amount meetings, which would free up space. Questioned how to handle a student joining the Commission, as there are not enough spots available on the Commission at this time.

MIKE GINCH: Suggested waiting until the next spot opens up.

ELIZABETH McGINTY: Advised to wait and see what happens once the students come before the Commission and give their statements, in order to determine if they are really interested.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Indicated hopefully Sara will bring the names of the students to the next meeting.

MIKE GINCH: Stated he does not think the issue of a "full membership" versus a "non-official" membership should slow the process down.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Discussed the budget and explained the archiving to Elizabeth McGinty. Advised Mary will be asking Deborah Wright if she would be interested in being the Borough Historian.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated she would prefer if Eric Model took the position as Deborah would not come to the meetings.

ERIC MODEL: Suggested being a liaison and have Deborah Wright as the Borough Historian.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric if he would place an article in the paper again requesting photographs.

ERIC MODEL: Suggested also using Facebook or Instagram as well.

MIKE GINCH: Indicated the Commission needs to have their own website.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric if he would take one or two historical photographs and write a story about them.

ERIC MODEL: Advised he would be willing to do that.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned about getting the archival material on-line so everyone can have access to the information.

MIKE GINCH: Stated you cannot create that from scratch, you would need somebody to interface with the data base and Mr. Carter does not have the knowledge to do that work.

ERIC MODEL: Suggested allowing a certain time where people can go to the library to look at the material.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned if the material was organized enough that they are accessible.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised only if Margaret or George did the work, the material is organized. Stated as soon as the budget is approved she can speak with Mr. Carter regarding being available on a certain day and time. Stated another project for a student is to work on the history of the different street signs. Questioned Eric if his mother is up to doing an oral history with Joan?

ERIC MODEL: Advised he is not sure when she will be ready as she is just getting out of rehabilitation.

MARY DONOHUE: Expressed her thanks to the River Edge DPW and PSE&G for their assistance at the New Bridge Landing

Meeting adjourned next meeting February 22, 2017.