

**HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES**

September 28, 2016

8:10 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>Liaison Vito Acquafredda</u>		X

AUDIENCE: _____

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned does the Commission want to restart the voting process on the two houses to be designated or wait until after the election.

MIKE GINCH: Stated he thinks it should be presented to the Town.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she thinks waiting until after the election is a good idea.

MARY DONOHUE: Agreed to wait until after the election.

SARA BARTELLONI: Agreed to wait until after the election.

ERIC MODEL: Agreed to wait until after the election.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated it is the opinion of the Commission to restart the procedure of the historic designation in December. Indicated she wants to add that because they are a CLG the State will expect the Commission to restart the procedure. Advised she will talk to Mr. Sarlo, the Borough attorney to make sure everything is done correctly. Advised the owners of the house located at 788 Kinderkamack inquired about the exterior colors they can use to paint the shutters and the exterior of the home. The owners followed the color choices set out in letter from the Commission.

MIKE GINCH: Suggested promoting the fact that this is being done within the historic guidelines and everyone is happy.

MARY DONOHUE: Agreed it should be promoted and a letter should be sent to the homeowners thanking them for their cooperation.

MIKE GINCH: Suggested placing a picture of the home in the Town News.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated writing a letter to the homeowners is a good idea.

ERIC MODEL: Stated he is not comfortable about what colors were adequate as he is not an expert, but questioned if this meets the requirements.

SARA BARTELLONI: Advised the County forwarded some resources regarding the colors, which was put together and forwarded to the homeowners.

ERIC MODEL: Questioned if there is a procedure, assuming they are the right colors, in which they are applied to make sure it is done correctly for the time period.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated not according to the information the County provided.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised they did not state anything about the method that needs to be used to paint.

ERIC MODEL: Stated the colors may be correct, but if there are any questions about how it was done, he wants to make sure there are answers.

MIKE GINCH: Indicated deciding the guidelines is part of the Commission's responsibility.

ERIC MODEL: Stated you should be hesitant about too much publicity in case it was done incorrectly.

SARA BARTELLONI: Advised when she was in college and attended a meeting regarding historic restoration, the contractors used modern tools and modern technique but used historic colors.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if power washing is something you would want to do with old wood.

MIKE GINCH: Stated you cannot start questioning the contractors and asking what solutions they are using in preparing the house for painting.

ERIC MODEL: Advised there is more than one way to repaint a house, but how much do you want to honor the spirit in which it was originally done is the question.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if she should ask the County if there is certain techniques.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated not to ask the County as it would be prohibitive if you had to use historic methods of washing and painting a home.

MIKE GINCH: Indicated the idea of historic preservation is you can make changes to your house as long as it keeps the historic appearance and artificial materials can be used in certain circumstances, but the method of using those materials should not be an issue.

ERIC MODEL: Stated this issue is important for the Commission to agree on.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated the homeowners are using the paint and the paint colors the Commission recommended, which she is happy about.

SARA BARTELLONI: Advised they gave the homeowners color choices they should consider but they did not tell them they had to use a particular color.

SARA BARTELLONI: Suggested since the Commission will be sending an official letter to the homeowners, to include having them advise their Contractor to be mindful of the age of the wood before any washing, as power washing may be harsh.

MIKE GINCH: Stated he would like to add a request to advise the Commission when the painting is finished, as the Commission would like to take photographs.

ERIC MODEL: Questioned if you could contact Closter for future reference to see how they handle similar situations.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated you do not want to impose any more restrictions on the homeowners, as they have done what the Commission asked them.

MARY DONOHUE: Questioned the landscaping aspect, such as planting with plants that were not in existence during the historic time period of the home.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised landscaping is only valid if it is a public historic property.

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PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised she will put together a letter to the homeowners.

SARA BARTELLONI: Indicated you may also want to applaud the house on Kinderkamack Road and the Voorhees house, on how well they have been maintained, even though they are not historically designated.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised the seminar she went to discussed how to handle public relations.

MIKE GINCH: Advised the siding on the house across the street from him is being torn down.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Indicated she went to the Planning Board and told them to advise the Commission when work is being done on a historic home, even if the house had not been historically designated.

ERIC MODEL: Questioned about placing an article in the local paper that highlights historic properties in town.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if the Commission wants to continue archiving with Marge and Mr. Carter, as it will need to be put into the budget and advised they have received material from the Ambulance Squad and would like to get some material from the Fire Department.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned if the different departments will be submitting material to be archived, if can they contribute to the costs.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised they are just scanning the material so she doesn't believe there are any costs involved.

MARY DONOHUE: Suggested asking for donations.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned if the materials that are being archived are being prioritized.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated they finished the Cultural Center collection, along with the documents from Borough Hall and the Library and indicated the next step is the Ambulance Corp. Advised Mr. Carter is not ready to put in the Ambulance Corp information, but will get it done as part of the budget before the end of December.

SARA BARTELLONI: Suggested asking Alan Negreann what the process is for collecting donations, such as setting up a Historic Archive Fund.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated not sure how you can ask the Ambulance and Fire Department for monetary donations when they are volunteers.

ERIC MODEL: Suggested stating the donation is a token, as the Commission is helping to tell and save their stories.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised she will check into that and ask Alan. She also stated they will put the same amount of hours for 2017 in the budget for Marge and Mr. Carter. Advised the Cultural Center will highlight the archiving the Commission has done.

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PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned how to get these documents online, so it can be useful for the citizens.

SARA BARTELLONI: Questioned if the Commission is looking to join the Library of Congress.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised she wanted to do something locally. Indicated the Borough asked if the Commission had a Facebook page and who would be in charge of it when the Commission does get a Facebook page.

SARA BARTELLONI: Advised you can get a Facebook page and a member can monitor and manage the page.

ERIC MODEL: Stated he likes the idea of Friends of Historic River Edge, as it could be modeled after Friends of the Library.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated Mr. Carter has done 2000 photographs and she would like people to see them, so she would like to get them on-line.

ERIC MODEL: Stated anyone anonymously can create a blog where the photographs can be placed.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Believed that would take a lot of time.

ERIC MODEL: Advised it would not take long, as he did it for the Patch. Stated you can have one image a week or month on the blog.

MIKE GINCH: Stated to put up a site rotating some photographs/documents in order to generate some interest, so people can look and see what the Commission is doing. However he believes you still need to continue to archive.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised to think about what you would want the Commission to do for the next meeting.

ERIC MODEL: Stated he likes the idea of having a liaison, not just for the Council but for the citizens, and if a group of citizens decided they were going to support this entity, they should have an outlet to do it, financially and editorially.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated the Mayor brought up at the last meeting putting something up regarding the meaning of the street signs in town.

MARY DONOHUE: Advised the Mayor's idea was to get a story of the names of the streets and what they are about and believes it would be a great project for the Eagle Scouts.

ERIC MODEL: Advised he did something like that for Patch, however in the digital world you may want to put something online as a virtual tour.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned if you are talking about having sites around town with a key lock code, where you put your phone to it and it would bring up a link to the information.

ERIC MODEL: Advised he was thinking more like what they have in Disney.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated this is another project you could use the help of the Eagle Scouts.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned what happened with having a young person on the Historic Commission and asked Sara to see if there is a history student that may be interested.

PHYLLIS ANGELO- Budget for 2016- All members need to attend one workshop per year as a requirement of the CLG. Oral histories still need to be arranged for Barbara Christiansen and Sylvia Model.

New Bridge Landing Update:

MARY DONOHUE: The swearing in ceremony of new American Citizens will take place next week at the Steuben House. Everyone is welcome to come.

Next Meeting: October 26, 2016