

HISTORIC COMMISSION

MINUTES

JUNE 24, 2015

8:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Present

Absent

<u>Phyllis Angelo</u>	<u>X</u>	
<u>Mary Donohue</u>		<u>X</u>
<u>Judi Sussman</u>		<u>X</u>
<u>Sara Theresa Bartelloni</u>		<u>X</u>
<u>Mike Ginch</u>	<u>X</u>	
<u>Joan Kristan</u>	<u>X</u>	
<u>Liaison Ellen Busted</u>		<u>X</u>

AUDIENCE:

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised she heard from the Assistant Bergen County Clerk regarding the historic poster that was being done and given to each town in Bergen County, who stated they are only up to Fort Lee. Stated they would like to get something before September 30th, due to the Grant, and the Bergen County Clerk Office, advised he will put together 20 documents from the County and put it on a disc and send it. He advised they have the incorporation papers of River Edge, and the early voting minutes.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned if this was from the County Clerk's Office.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Yes, it is the County Clerk's Office.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned if they have resources at a location where he could go to look through their archives.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Said yes they do.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned if you can bring the scanner to scan some of the documents the County has.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she is sure you can as the Commission already has given the Commission permission to use their scanner to scan the minute books. Advised she spoke with Brigitte Bogart regarding the Historic Component to the Master Plan and questioned if the Planning Board is ready to present that to the public. Brigitte indicated they will be presenting it on July 16th. Stated the 30 day advertisement for the Archivist will be up July 1st and at that time they will be meeting with Alan regarding the Grant and any other applications.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned if they know specifically what needs to be done to satisfy the requirements of the Grant and if so, can it be put into a checklist.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised everyone has a copy of the Grant, which indicates what needs to be done. Stated Mary and herself have finished inventorying all the documents. Advised they have a lot of photographs, but a majority of them are in booklets.

MIKE GINCH: Stated they are printed photographs and questioned where the original photographs are kept.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Indicated she does not have the original photographs, the booklet was done in 1944.

MIKE GINCH: Stated if you have any independent photographs, to give them to him so they can be scanned.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised they have some photographs, old tax records and old store advertisings, however the newspapers are not in good shape. Stated Mary and herself went to the June 2nd meeting of the Library Board, they were very supportive of a dedicated room at the Library and indicated Councilwoman Murphy was very supportive. Indicated they need to decide who will be in charge of the dedicated room once Mr. Carter has finished his work.

MIKE GINCH: Stated you need to maintain funding for Mr. Carter in some capacity.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated he is a volunteer in Oradell doing his work and is not sure if River Edge will get a volunteer to do the work. Advised the Library Board thinks that once the Librarians are trained, they would take individuals into the room who wanted to do research on River Edge and show them. Stated there was some drama with Mr. Carter regarding a sales tax form, which he did not want to sign. Stated Kathleen Murphy questioned the use of the Open Space Grant, but the Commission was advised it has to be something on the National or State Registry to be eligible for the Open Space Grant. The signs on Clarendon Court are not.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned if you are talking about painting them.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated yes, just the signs.

MIKE GINCH: Indicated he may be able to paint the signs.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised they are the signs by Clarendon Court. Questioned who they believed would be doing the work in the dedicated room at the library, regarding research.

MIKE GINCH: Suggested people should make an appointment and the library will control the access.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Suggested possibly getting student interns over the summer months.

MIKE GINCH: Advised Oradell's historian might participate in the local history.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated the Library Board was very supportive and want to do it and dedicate a room.

MIKE GINCH: Stated we need more than photographs and need to make a concerted effort to get more documents.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated there are a lot of documents in her possession, which she thinks are interesting.

MIKE GINCH: Stated they need to advertise for people to donate any historic items they have, prior to having the dedicated room in the library.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised everyone has to go to one workshop and will advise the members when she finds something that is local. Questioned Joan regarding the video.

JOAN KRISTAN: Stated her vacation starts shortly and will be able to interview Joe and Harry.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned if they needed a canopy for the table on July 4th.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated they have a table and possibly advertise at that time for historical pictures of River Edge.

JOAN KRISTAN: Questioned how big should the sign be.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated maybe by 11x14.

JOAN KRISTAN: Stated she can make an 8x10 and place the sign in a frame.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised they will need to meet in the summer and will know more how they are going to do everything after she meets with Alan. Stated the next meeting should be in the library so you can see all of the boxes and start looking at the documents.

JOAN KRISTAN: Stated she has no problem meeting in the library.

Meeting adjourned.