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HISTORIC COMMISSION
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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>Yoshi Aono</u>		X
<u>Sara Theresa Bartelloni</u>	X	
<u>Sandy Moscaritolo</u>		X

Members of Audience: Peter Dunsay

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Sara has agreed to move up to Class A. I e-mailed the Mayor regarding making it official and Sandy did mention it at a Council meeting. We still need to install the Historical Display at the Train Station.

SARA BARTELLONI: I need the correct spelling of Yoshi's name for the photography credit. It would be easier to meet you at the Cultural Center with the display prior to bring it to the Train Station.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: I will get back to you regarding a date to install the display, as I am still waiting to hear from NJ Transit. The Train Station needs to make a cover for the display.

SARA BARTELLONI: They can put Plexiglas over it.

PETER DUNSAY: Plexiglas gets scratched up. There is Plexiglas over the train schedule and you cannot read it.

JUDI SUSSMAN: What would you suggest?

PETER DUNSAY: Tempered glass.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: The Open Space Grant we previously discussed was voted down. Open Space is money that is set aside by the County, not only for the Historical Commission, Recreation, Beautification, and the Town Parks.

SARA BARTELLONI: There was a large amount of money that was collected from Open Space and some of that was matching funds. Not only do we lose the money designated for Open Space, but we also lose the matching funds.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Oradell voted down the Open Space Grant also.

JUDI SUSSMAN: What would it have cost the average homeowner?

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Approximately \$20.00 per year.

JUDI SUSSMAN: I don't believe it was so much the amount of money, but people did not want to give any more money.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: We did not need to avail ourselves to Open Space, but the Recreation Committee, along with the Tree and Shade Commission does. Hopefully this is a one year thing and people will vote for it next year. I am not sure people understand what Open Space means.

Regarding the photographs of the Borough, I mentioned to Yoshi about taking a picture of the American Legion, as we do not know what will happen to it in the future. I would like to know what is happening with the American Legion, however Sandy Moscaritolo is not here tonight.

Mary was going to speak with Kevin Wright regarding the different locally designated sites, as I thought we may need his assistance due to his knowledge about these different places. I will need to check with Mary. How are we doing with the disc?

SARA BARTELLONI: I started to do some research on how to make the information readable, for the web page and for the library, and, for our purpose, to be able to edit the information with updates. There is only certain information that can be scanned into the computer that does not need to be updated; the rest will have to be input by hand. I will continue to work on it.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: We will not be meeting again until the end of January, so there is some time to finish that project. We do need an expert who has, at the very least, background regarding historic maps. I contacted New Milford, as they are also a CLG, to see if they were interested in sharing a historic expert, but I have not heard back from them if they are still a CLG.

JUDI SUSSMAN: What kind of budget do we have for it?

PHYLLIS ANGELO: The point of becoming a CLG is there are funds that are specifically set aside for a CLG. We could apply for a Grant to pay for the expert. There is a 20% matching, but if New Milford joined with us, it would be 10% for each town.

JUDI SUSSMAN: Eric Model is involved in the historic views of the Town. He writes on the Patch occasionally.

SARA BARTELLONI: His Patch blogs have been about what was in town.

JUDI SUSSMAN: If we are looking for a volunteer, we can ask him, as I think he would enjoy doing it.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: I will contact him. I also want to discuss having the historical records in one place, preferably at the Information Center at New Bridge Landing.

JUDI SUSSMAN: When will that be?

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Mary indicated possibly breaking ground in the spring.

PETER DUNSAY: The first thing to find out is how much space is required in order to store all of this information.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: We don't know how much information we have, as they are not located in one central place. It would have to be a separate room. It would be similar to what the Bergen County Historical Commission had at the Hackensack Library. I would need to see what Oradell has in terms of space. Lastly, we were presented with a budget form, which needs to be filled out and returned to the Borough. I will include funds for archival photographs, developing, and in-service for updating members.

JUDI SUSSMAN: I would like to mention that whether Eric Model becomes the historic expert, he has a wealth of knowledge and has a big interest in this and would be a most welcome addition.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: I will invite Eric to come to the January meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:55 p.m.