

HISTORIC COMMISSION MINUTES

September 25, 2013

8:20 p.m.

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Phyllis Angelo</u>	X	
<u>Mary Donohue</u>	X	
<u>Judi Sussman</u>		X
<u>Sara Theresa Bartelloni</u>	X	
<u>Harold DeYoung</u>		X
<u>Mike Ginch</u>	X	
<u>Joan Kristan</u>	X	
<u>Liaison Anthony Cappola</u>	X	

AUDIENCE:

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Motion to accept Minutes. Advised that since the Planning Board does not have, or could not locate, the Historical element to the Master Plan, Alan Negreann sent a Memo to the Planning Board Attorney requesting a legal opinion on the issue in May. It was stated the Historical Designation Meeting occurred on October 17, 2012 and believes a letter should be sent to the Borough Council because no information on the matter had come before the Commission. The proposed letter was read into the record.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated the CLG in Trenton must have a record of the Master Plan and suggested getting a copy from Trenton.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised she had contacted Trenton and was advised they do not have the entire application on computer, however it should be in storage in the basement. She advised she spoke with Sam Cereste about this matter, who said he was involved with writing part of it and that it can be corrected.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated the State recognizes the Commission as a CLG.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised the CLG Application requires a Historic Component to the Master Plan, which was approved in 2003. She questioned if there is anything else that should be done besides writing the letter.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated that writing a letter is the only thing you can do.

ANTHONY CAPPOLA: Stated he will raise the issue again with the Council.

MARY DONOHUE: Suggested getting a copy from Trenton if all else fails.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated that Sam Cereste said it is not difficult to revise the Master Plan.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated that the Commission Liaison should push the Council to get this taken care of.

ANTHONY CAPPOLA: Advised he will bring it up at the Council Meeting.

MIKE GINCH: Advised that the River Edge Animal Hospital is up for sale.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated that while the Animal Hospital is in a historic area, she is not looking to designate any more buildings due to the current problems.

MIKE GINCH: Discussed his meeting with Mr. Carver, Oradell's Archivist. Advised he went to see the software Oradell uses and was given a tour of the Library's basement where all the files are stored. Stated he looked at their different software and how they correspond to the data, however, he does not believe it will work for their survey purpose. The data base and Mr. Carver's assistance would cost \$800.00.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if he would accept \$750.00, as that is the amount in the budget.

MIKE GINCH: Said you probably could ask him. Indicated this is just a starting point for organization.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated the information needs to be accessible to students. Stated they need to talk to the Library, as the Library is opened the most amount of hours.

MIKE GINCH: Stated he does not believe the data base is online. The software is one thing, but Mr. Carver's input is invaluable.

SARA BARTELLONI: Suggested having Daragh at the next meeting to find out if there will be a designated space at the Library before committing to anything.

MIKE GINCH: Said the room at Oradell is not that big and if the information is not very relevant, they do not keep it.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if anyone had another idea to store the information besides the Library. Questioned how much space would be needed.

MIKE GINCH: Indicated the Oradell space was 20 x 20 and it was kept in a locked room.

SARA BARTELLONI: Questioned if he was part of the Oradell Library?

MIKE GINCH: Stated he believes he is a member of the Friends of the Library.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned where Oradell got the start up money to create the space.

SARA BARTELLONI: Questioned if you could apply for a Grant for cabinets.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Suggested if the Commission could come up with the funds for the software, possibly having a fundraiser for the money to purchase the cabinets and other hardware. It is more important to find the space.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned how much control Daragh has over the Library.

ANTHONY CAPPOLA: Believed that Daragh controls decisions at the Library.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned if something could be done with virtual space, where the information can be scanned, then you would not have to ask permission to use space somewhere.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated the Borough could probably find space temporarily for the physical document.

ANTHONY CAPPOLA: Said it depends on whether you want a document to be a physical document or if you want a document to be transcribed.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she would personally like to have both, a virtual library and having the physical document. Questioned what the next step should be.

MIKE GINCH: Suggested everyone should go and check out the Oradell Library system.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if Daragh should be invited to a meeting to see if he will lend space. Stated it makes no sense to purchase the software if there is no space for it.

MIKE GINCH: Indicated you can start even with a file cabinet, until you know how much storage you need.

SARA BARTELLONI: Questioned how many documents need to be stored.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated the Bergen County Historical Society has quite a lot of information on River Edge but it is not accessible. Indicated she does not know if there is a lot of information for storage purposes. The Library also has some archival information from Alice McKenize, former town historian.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned if it makes everyone a little uncomfortable that the Commission does not know what they have and where it is.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated yes, which is why they want to have a central location to house all of the information.

MIKE GINCH: Stated making the information accessible is important, but first the documents should be secured.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Sara about the next step after putting the photographs from the survey on the computer.

SARA BARTELLONI: Indicated the photographs still need to be transferred and the next step is to type up the descriptions.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated once the framework is set up, all you need to do is enter the data, as the survey is more photographs than verbiage.

SARA BARTELLONI: Questioned if a form should be made to enter the information into and everyone would be able to input a few descriptions.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Yes creating a universal form for the Survey would be great. Questioned Joan about the progress of the oral history project.

JOAN KRISTAN: Stated that one oral history, of Mary Donohue, has been completed.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if a format will be made out of the first oral history.

JOAN KRISTAN: Stated she would like to interview Don Herrick next.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised that Rich Curran gave her documents, along with a tape of the history of River Edge that his father had done. Questioned if the first oral history can be shown at the next meeting.

MIKE GINCH: Stated he will put it on a DVD.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated the Bergen County Historical Society has a great library that is in storage. Advised that initially the library was in the Felician College, but eventually the College needed the space. The library is now in storage, which has original Land Deeds from Bergen County going back to the 1600s. Stated the ideal would be for the Bergen County Historical Society to have their own library, however they have no money for it. Stated she contacted the Bergen Community College, who indicated they are very interested in housing the library.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she believes information on River Edge should stay in River Edge, however she believes it may be easier to have a virtual library at Bergen Community College.

BREAK IN TAPE

MARY DONOHUE: Stated New Bridge is on the way to building their museum.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if any more events are coming up after the Wine Festival, which was successful.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated they just had a Naturalization Ceremony.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if anything has been done with the slides.

MIKE GINCH: Stated that nothing has been done as of yet as he is still researching.

MEETING ENDED Next Meeting, October 23, 2013.