



### **THPC Minutes of April 3, 2014**

Chairman David Wall called the meeting to order at 8:10 P.M. and read the Open Public Meetings Act.

#### **Open Public Meetings Act**

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, the notice requirements have been satisfied.

Meeting dates for the year are confirmed at the Annual Meeting, and posted on the public bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Center and published in the Press Journal and The Record within the first 10 days of the New Year.

Copies of all revised or additional meeting notices are sent via fax to the Press Journal, The Record, Suburbanite and Northern Valley News and are posted on the public bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Center.

#### **Roll Call:**

Present:

Chairman Dave Wall  
Reno Danese  
Dr. Rita Heller  
Dr. Donald Merino  
Karen Neus  
Mario Turchi

Excused: Michael Barone

Also Present:

Paul Stefanowicz, Historical Liaison  
Nick Stefanowicz, Student Liaison  
Kevin Tremble, Planning Board Liaison

#### **Approval of Minutes**

February, March and April minutes will be approved at the May 2014 meeting.

## **Certificates of Appropriateness – nothing at this time**

### **Signs**

Karen and Mario reported the CIRCA signs were being created at the foundry in Ohio. Karen said there had been a billing problem, but everything is fine now. Mr. Kahn, owner of Elizabeth Cady Stanton estate, is onboard with the new sign. It will be erected on Park Street, which the DPW felt would be a safer location than on Highwood. Karen will speak with the Kahns and tell them sign is coming. Kevin Tremble said sign should be placed on public right-of-way. Karen said Mr. Kahn wants to put in pachysandra; easier for the landscapers to work around. Kevin wondered if location of sign could possibly cause problems down the road if a future owner requests moving the sign or asks who owns it. Mario and Karen will look at the placement site again.

Reno asked about the signs for Roosevelt Commons. Kevin said they have the layout proof, but some adjustments are needed. Rita asked if the signs will be finished by May and where will they be placed, hopefully, in an area with less trees. Reno said a different material is being used and it has a 10-year life. Don added plastic deteriorates. Rita said she hoped the blue historical sign for Elizabeth Cady Stanton's house and the Roosevelt Commons sign would be ready in May, which is National Historic Preservation Month. Don asked where Alice Rigney, Borough of Tenafly Historian, owner of Sickles-Melbourne House will place her CIRCA sign. Paul said it would be near her bird feeder.

Kevin spoke regarding the Tenafly Nature Center. It is almost the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Green Acres. Should a marker be erected in Tenafly for what was accomplished regarding conservation?

CIRCA signs – Dave said the CIRCA sign on 24 Norman Place makes the house look historic. Karen said she would like to pick 25 houses to market the CIRCA signs to from the list we have. Would HPC be behind an endeavor like that? Mario said all the houses are on a computer list; it would be easy to do. A form on the bottom of the letter could be filled out and submitted back to HPC with check for the sign. Karen will go to Tax Office for new list of owners to make sure of correct names when checking against those on the last Table 13 list.

### **Inness Road Gates**

Reno said he thought it was a dead deal, and hasn't done anything lately. Members said they'd approved up to \$500 to be spent for man from Closter to come and estimate repair cost. Don said this is a Capital Budget item that Town of Tenafly and Mayor & Council should consider. Reno asked if Tenafly wants to spend 15-\$20,000 for repair of gates. Don asked if there was a homeowners' association on Innes Road. Would they donate money? Rita asked if the gates are now a hazard. Reno said someone staked them in the ground, they are not about to fall down. Don asked about dusk to dawn lights on them. Mario added is \$20,000 for gates better spent elsewhere. Dave asked should the \$500 amount be raised. Don said as Karen is sending letter for CIRCA signs to various owners, should letters be sent to Innes Road people.

Kevin said there is graffiti on the gates and stone walls on Clinton Avenue have red paint on them. Dave spoke to a woman who lived next to the gates and there formerly was graffiti all over the street near the gates. It was also noted that there was graffiti on the side of the post office, which was successfully removed. Did building department remove it? Do they know how to remove it? Reno said he'd talk to Bob Culvert. Kevin said Tenafly can get money from

Bergen County for grants, but you need a good estimate first. Don suggested a 3-4 page estimate. It was noted the Capital Budget and the Municipal Budget are done at the same time.

### **Tenaflly Railroad Station**

Dave sent a letter to Borough Administrator Jewel about six months ago regarding work to be done at Tenaflly Railroad Station. Tenants pay about \$70,000 a year in rent. The tenant has spoken with Dave about the beautiful Demarest Railroad Station. Karen requested Dave send letter to Jewel asking what happened to down lighting originally proposed for station. Karen said HPC makes very few demands on Tenaflly, but the Inness Road Gates and Tenaflly Railroad Station need to be brought to attention of Mayor & Council.

Two letters from Chairman Dave Wall were suggested: (1) Inness Road Gates with a detailed estimate, requesting \$500 for a knowledgeable assessment of gates and estimate using Capital Funds; (2) attach plans of 2011 re: lighting plan. Bob Carpenter and Jewel attended HPC meeting to discuss lighting plans. Work was never completed, as seen on the photos attached. Tenant of Tenaflly Railroad Station likes Demarest Railroad Station, see photos attached. Kevin asked what Tenaflly is doing with \$70,000 received in rent from TRRS tenant.

Rita suggested that Dave send a comprehensive letter to Mayor & Council. Mario said in regards to railroad inspections and remedies, Town Administrator and DPW seem to be stonewalling much of what HPC recommends. How about if that is included in the letter? Why can't we do what needs to be done and inspect properties ourselves? Tenaflly didn't want to use what HPC recommended. Karen said to resend email and revisit these items that Rita sent last October. HPC is talking about: railroad station, Innes Road Gates, Roosevelt Commons. Karen asked what status to repaint monument is. Bob Carpenter, Sculptor/Carver who has worked on the TR Monument for many years, received \$500 in the Fall of 2013 for emergency graffiti removal. November 2013 he submitted a proposal to the Borough Administrator to restore multiple areas of the TRM for a cost of \$3,250. Mr. Carpenter contacted Rita re: hearing from the Borough re: being hired for the work. Rita emailed Jewel with copy to Carpenter and advised Carpenter to contact Jewel if he did not hear from her. Everyone agreed the railroad station is in the center of town and Café Angelique is very busy.

### **Bergen County Historic Breakfast**

Three people from HPC attended the breakfast in Ridgewood at their Library: Chairman Dave Wall; Historic Liaison Paul Stefanowicz and his son, Nick, Student Liaison. Members will be reimbursed \$10 for the cost of the breakfast. Nick was given a tour including the Archive Room where there were many atlases. Ridgewood has the most amounts of historic documents.

### **Planning Board Liaison Report – Kevin Tremble**

5-3 vote taken that Planning Board approve entire site as historic designation of 53 Knickerbocker Road. Kevin said at the last meeting of December 2013, non-contiguous clustering was discussed. It is complicated. This non-contiguous clustering is based on what saved Grand Central Terminal. The Planning Board made a motion to spend money for Burgess to study non-contiguous clustering. Kevin was not present at that meeting. There are 29 pages of legislation on how to do this. There was a big discussion regarding demolition, i.e., 93 Prospect, which was a tear down. Demolition in Tenaflly has definition different from historic as compared to regular tear down. It was explained years ago and the Planning Board made it 100 percent of historic value. Kevin said the demolition definition is going to be tweaked.

### **Mackay-Lowe Estate**

Dave spoke with Mary Krugman, but didn't ask her to attend the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. If Mayor & Council vote to have a hearing, Dave would call Mary. If Mayor & Council set designation meeting dates, they are: 4/17 and 4/29.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Reno; seconded by Karen. So approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Alvarez, Secretary/Transcriber

Approved May 2014