



### THPC Minutes of June 5, 2014

Chairman David Wall called the meeting to order at 8:05 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  
Dr. Rita Heller, Treasurer  
Dr. Don Merino  
Karen Neus  
Reno Danese  
Mike Barone  
Mario Turchi

Also Present: Paul Stefanowicz, Historical Liaison  
Max Basch, Council Liaison  
Nick Stefanowicz, Student Liaison

1. Certificate of Appropriateness – nothing at this time

2. Owners at Cotswold would like to paint garage doors & trim. Emails back & forth between them & Chairman Wall. Dave said stay in brown colors and sample must be submitted to THPC per THPC ordinances.
3. Malcolm Mackay Estate – Charles Russell, renowned western painter, was often a guest there. Tenaflly Library obtained two biographies on Mr. & Mrs. Charles Russell (a nationally important painter of the American West) from the Bergen County Library System, and these biographies discuss their visits with Malcolm and Helen Mackay at the Mackay Estate. Mackay & Russell roped cattle on the estate. In the New Jersey State Golf Association magazine, spring 2014, it talks about Knickerbocker Country Club being founded by Malcolm Mackay. Mansion built in 1920. Mr. Mackay lived in the “golf house” before estate home was completed. In 1920 Mr. & Mrs. Mackay commissioned Charles Russell to paint a painting for their “Russell Room”. Don asked if any decisions have been made regarding the Mackay Estate. Nothing has been determined as yet.
4. Home at 8 Huyler Avenue – Mario Turchi spoke to neighbor living at 4 Huyler Avenue, who was very concerned that the Atwood house has been in foreclosure for the past year and is falling in disrepair. There are loose boards and large holes in porch, large patches of paint peeling, etc. Mario asked if THPC can “force” owner to maintain. Tenaflly could make repairs and force payment. Another member asked if Building Department and Mayor & Council should be made aware of unsafe conditions. Mario suggested neighbor contact Bob Byrnes. Dave said front and back areas are rotten, stairs unsafe. Rooms upstairs need touch-up. . Member suggested everyone look for THPC ordinance regarding maintaining a historical home. Home has signature Atwood triangle window on 3rd floor. Two members, owners of historical homes, said this Atwood House can still be saved.. Members hoped they could get a look inside. Dave didn’t think it was possible to compel bank or Tenaflly to maintain. Don thinks bank doesn’t know condition of home or the insurance company. Max said there must be compliance and ordinances met, they might just board it up. Discussion regarding cost to save this house. Karen said home is listed for \$550,000 – 6 bedrooms. Mario will call bank, look at ordinance. It is an important house and in Atwood’s Pattern Book. Now it has central vacuum and HVAC.
5. Ethics Form – deadline to file was May 31<sup>st</sup>, but it has been extended.
6. Camp Merritt – 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WWI. 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day – 6/6/2014. Janet Strom, Hackensack, NJ, suggests a display in Tenaflly Library. Table for Borough Historian Alice Rigney and table for THPC could be added. Dave said he wrote an article for N.J. Encyclopedia on the camp.

7. Dave did tours of historic homes in Tenafly at request of Sunrise Condos in Cresskill. First one was 1 hour 40 minutes/second one was 1 hour 20 minutes. They stopped at, among other places, Karen's, Mike's and Mario's homes.
8. Roosevelt Monument – Reno asked which department is responsible for care of Roosevelt Monument. Very messy right now with litter. Rita said that Sculptor/Carver Robert Carpenter had submitted a proposal, dated November 2013, for \$3,200 to restore 20 problem areas on the monument to Jewell. So far, Rita has not heard from Jewell whether Mr. Carpenter had been hired. Rita would ask Parks & DPW to sweep and keep clean. Karen asked Max to bring THPC concerns to Mayor & Council. He suggested everyone send emails. Those must be discussed individually at work session. Dave said R. Carpenter had been paid \$550 for emergency graffiti repairs, but now billed for \$3,200 for pointing – separate from lighting repairs. Dave said wait to see if more damage is incurred. Nick Stefanowicz, Student Liaison, said two days ago he almost tripped on pointing, and lights are filled with water and leaves. Has damage been brought to attention of police and insurance company. Dave heard from Jewell, who said they're doing something different regarding lights. Dave didn't understand. Mike will follow-up with Jewell. Mike read about surveillance cameras in that area. Mike said no police report of vandalism has been reported. Reno said the new Roosevelt Common story boards had been installed.
9. COAH Regulations – Tenafly is obligated to build 82 units in a 10-year period, from 2014-2024 and must submit plan by November 2014. Previous number was 200 units. There are formulas involved: low-income; cluster housing; senior – at some level Tenafly needs to be creative. Tenafly is a “fully developed town”. Previously, one town could give money to another town to build. This was not discussed at the Planning Board meeting. Planning Board will establish sub-committee before November regarding COAH.
10. Blue Historic Markers – Karen reported they will be installed Monday – Elizabeth Cady Stanton Home and Sickels-Melbourne House.
11. Don Merino's retirement – After many years' service to Tenafly on both the Board of Education and the HPC, Don will soon retire.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah L. Alvarez, Secretary

Approved July 2014