



THPC Minutes of March 6, 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
Michael Barone
Dr. Rita Heller
Dr. Donald Merino
Karen Neus
Mario Turchi

Excused: Reno Danese

Also Present:

Max Basch, Council Liaison
Paul Stefanowicz, Historical Liaison
Nick Stefanowicz, Student Liaison
Kevin Tremble, Planning Board Liaison

Member of the Public: Mark Feldman

Certificate of Appropriateness – 189 Serpentine Road

Dave said the brown shingled house next to the stone Richter House on Serpentine was the home of our first mayor's daughter. The driveway leads in from Linden Avenue, and the owner is fixing it up. It will not reach Serpentine Road. The present owner has gotten a written signature for how the driveway should be from three immediate neighbors. The driveway already begins at the side of the house and goes down to Linden Avenue. She has received town approval and notes there was a street there before, but it has been vacated.

The C of A application was approved by Dave.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of January 9, 2014 as taken by Valerie Nicolosi made by Rita Heller; seconded by Karen Neus. So approved.

Motion to approve minutes of February 6, 2014 postponed until April meeting.

Mackay-Lowe Estate – 53 Knickerbocker Road

Don asked when the Planning Board and Mayor & Council will review the report of T.R. Brown. Dave asked Kevin Tremble to find out at the next Planning Board meeting when that review would take place. HPC would present the T.R. Brown report, as well as the final report to the public and could that take place at the Planning Board work session on March 12th or their public meeting on March 26th or could HPC members just show up at the work session and ask if they could discuss the matter at the March 26th meeting. Max said the Planning Board has specific rules regarding the public meetings. Dave will ask at the work session on March 12th, hoping for a public hearing as soon as possible. Planning Board might not be able to consider unless there is a request to do so from the Mayor & Council. Mayor & Council said they want an opinion from the Planning Board on status of this property with regard to whether there should be a designation or not.

Motion made by Don Merino to authorize Chairman Dave Wall to spend up to \$1,000 to retain Mary Krugman Associates, Inc. to write a brief summary of her critique that she delivered at the public hearing on January 9, 2014; seconded by Rita Heller/Karen Neus. So approved.

Motion made by Don Merino to authorize Mary Krugman to provide a 1-2 page critique of Attorney Greenberg's letter and argument and request she be available to testify before the Mayor & Council and/or Planning Board. Rita added critique should contain mention of streetscape of Knickerbocker Road and adjacent properties to 53 Knickerbocker when driving north and entering Tenafly on Knickerbocker Road; seconded by Rita Heller. So approved.

Members of the Public

Motion to open floor to Mark Feldman made by Don Merino; seconded by Dave Wall. So approved.

Mark was given a copy of a report on 53 Knickerbocker.

Don explained to Mark the list of historic properties is from the 1983 list of Bergen County Historical Houses. Designation is a cumbersome process.

Motion to close public portion made by Rita Heller; seconded by Don Merino. So approved.

Breakfast in Ridgewood

The Historic Society of County of Bergen is hosting a breakfast on Tuesday, March 25th from 9 AM to 12 noon in the Bolger Room of the Ridgewood Public Library. Reservations are required and the cost is \$10. Dave is attending as it might be a resource to use in the future. Don and Karen said they would join Dave. Attendees will be reimbursed.

Budget – Treasurer Rita Heller

Rita has not received any word from the Mayor & Council as to what is being allotted to THPC this year. In the past, HPC has received as much as \$15,000; now it is \$10,000. It was noted that Kevin Tremble and Borough Historian Alice Rigney shopped around and got experts on historic homes at lower prices. The Princeton people used previously were expensive. \$2,000 was set aside for M. Krugman Associates, architectural historian; and another item would be \$1,845 for the Tenafly Railroad Station sign. A portion of that amount has already been used. There is about \$1,000 left. The Sickels-Melbourne sign is finished, but still in Ohio at the foundry. Everything has been submitted for Elizabeth Cady Stanton sign. The Tenafly Railroad Station sign has been taken down and is ready to be shipped to Ohio. All three signs will be shipped back together to save on shipping fees.

Miscellaneous

THPC Student Liaison Nick Stefanowicz spoke about a 12 sign scavenger hunt. Rita asked Nick to let HPC know when the article is due.

Question asked about CIRCA medallions for historic homes; has the photograph of them been in The Suburbanite. Consensus was yes.

Dave spoke with Ken Reilly regarding electrification of Teddy Roosevelt monument.

Mike spoke regarding Innes Road gates. Mike will work with Reno and the wrought iron people in Closter. Don said the end result is to get an estimate and for HPC to find out who will fund repairs. Mike said when they excavate the gates, they will probably fall down. Part of the estimate might be to remove and renovate the gates and then put them somewhere else. A lot of the metal is bent; work needs to be done in repair shop. Don added private funds were raised for repair and renovation of the band shell, which is how members met Reno Danese. Perhaps the residents of Innes Road would contribute monies plus THPC and the Mayor & Council.

Kevin talked about two Roosevelt markers. He has the layout proofs. It will take 20 days from go ahead. Kevin will have PDFs.

Adjournment – 9:58 P.M.

Motion to adjourn by D. Merino; 2nd by M. Turchi. So approved. **MINUTES APPROVED 1/2015**