



THPC Minutes of September 4, 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

Chairman David Wall
Dr. Rita Heller, Treasurer
Reno Danese
Dr. Donald Merino
Karen Neus
Mario Turchi

Excused: Michael Barone

Also Present:
Robert J. Culvert, Director of DPW
Max Bausch, Mayor & Council Liaison
Kevin Tremble, Planning Board Liaison

Certificates of Appropriateness – none at this time

Discussion with DPW Director Culvert

Director of DPW Robert Culvert was present and discussed he had prepared a matching grant for lighting at the **ROOSEVELT MONUMENT** – half of which Borough of Tenafly would pay. 50 percent of the lights do work; there is a dusk to dawn spotlight now on tall pole. Planning Board Liaison Kevin Tremble said he did the original layout and there is a schematic of that. Perhaps a cage over light would prevent graffiti and damage, fixture is still there but lens is destroyed. There are 3-4 shoeboxes, which have never been deactivated located behind old school, they might be useful. Mr. Culvert indicated \$25,000 was for all new wire and conduit. Grant to be submitted by end of October. Monument also needs to be steam cleaned. Bob Carpenter did a fantastic job in repairs on stairs. Mr. Culvert suggested to HPC in putting budget together for 2015, put in money to have monument steam cleaned after pollen falls.

INNESS ROAD GATES – Director Culvert brought Mr. Carpenter to see condition of these stone columns and gates. Mr. Carpenter's cost is \$650 to remove graffiti paint and clean stone columns. Mr. Carpenter indicated he knew metal fabricators and will get them to inspect Inness Road Gates and see about repairing them. This could also be a grant. Mr. Culvert has pieces of gates he dug out of the ground. He suggested HPC put money in budget for 2015 to work on stone columns. Don Merino suggested in getting a proposal ready for capital budget for 2015.

Motion by Don Merino to approve spending \$650 to have Mr. Carpenter clean stone columns; seconded by Mario Turchi. So approved.

TENAFLY RAILROAD STATION – Kevin Tremble discussed the condition of the brackets and their failure to hold the gutters at train station. Mr. Culvert said he'd walk around and inspect their condition. Mr. Culvert suggested members of HPC write a synopsis of problems to be addressed at Tenafly Historic RR Station. Kevin also pointed out a problem with the paint on the doors – it was originally decorative graining, but someone painted over that; mortar has deteriorated. It was suggested HPC do an annual review of historic sites. Kevin informed Mr. Culvert that Borough of Tenafly owns Roosevelt Monument, Tenafly Railroad Station, Inness Road Gates and Davis Johnson Park walls. Chairman Wall informed Director Culvert a report should be sent to the County every year about what's being done on historic sites. Karen Neus said establish an inventory of items and do a visual inspection. Mr. Culvert asked about Inness Road Gates and Columns. Kevin Tremble said they were part of the designation with the Cotswold.

Members individually thanked Director Culvert for his attendance and helpfulness this evening.

10 Huyler Avenue

10 Huyler Avenue – this property has been foreclosed on and is in disrepair. A bank is now the owner. An informal inquiry should be made to Code Enforcement Officer of Tenafly regarding the sad condition of this historic home. There may be a leak and rotten porch floor.

46 Park Street

Dave reported builder wanted to tear down the house. Permission was not granted, so now owner wants to build a two-car garage and mud room. Neighbor has trees and bushes that would block view, even though addition would need variance re: closeness to next property. Karen said the design harmonizes with the rest of the house. Dave said HPC decided we have no objection to this application. Karen requested Dave send an email to the Zoning Board that HPC has reviewed this and has no objections.

48 Knoll Road – Sickels-Melbourne House

HPC received a letter from Borough Historian Alice Rigney thanking HPC for the placement of the sign at her home. She indicated six cars a day stop to read the historic Blue Sign.

Sgt. Nicholas Oresko Sign

Sign between U.S. Post Office and library – Mario Turchi is working on the sign regarding Sgt. Nicholas Oresko.

Vacancy on THPC

Vacancy on HPC – Chairman Wall has contacted two men he thought might be interested:

- a. Jim Golodik – owner of Vintage Builders
- b. Tom Swift – an architect

Mario would be a Class A, even if they say yes. Statute says at least one Class A; and one Class B.

Library Exhibit on WWI

Library exhibit on World War I – postponed from October/November to April/May, which will coincide with Memorial Day and May is National Historic Month.

House in Camp Merritt

Dave knows that the house still exists, which was an officer's home. He spoke with the owner.

Faley Family Reunion

This family has been in Tenafly since 1869. They are having a reunion on September 13-14. Dave will take them on a tour of historic homes in Tenafly.

Bergen County Historic Society 350th Anniversary Dinner

On Wednesday, October 15, 2014 a dinner will be held in Garfield, N.J. celebrating the 350th anniversary of the Bergen County Historic Society. Cost is \$150. Dave is not able to attend as he'll be in Morocco. Rita said it would come under education and training on the budget. Dave will email everyone the invitation when he gets it to see who is available.

Motion to approve expenditure for someone to attend made by Don Merino; seconded by Karen Neus. So approved.

COAH Report

Kevin gave a report from the Planning Board regarding COAH. Valeria has the new reference book.

Approval of Minutes – July 2014

Motion to approve minutes from July 2014 made by Reno Danese; seconded by Rita Heller. So approved.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Reno Danese; seconded by Karen Neus. So approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Alvarez, Secretary

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

MINUTES APPROVED OCTOBER 2, 2014