



## **THPC Minutes of January 7, 2010**

### **Roll Call**

Present: Chairman Dave Wall, Rita Heller, Karen Neus, Paul Stefanowicz, Mario Turchi

Excused: Don Merino, Liz Shanks

New Liaison: Tony Barzellato

Chairman Dave Wall called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M. Roll call and the Open Public Meetings Act followed.

### **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.

### **Agenda**

1. Discussion that Recording Secretary should wait until all corrections and editing is completed by Members before sending out final draft prior to next meeting date.
2. CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

Mario and Dave went to home on Serpentine Road and saw new roof had already been installed before they gave C/A. It was 3 tap shingles. Mario thought roof color was acceptable. This is a small 1940's home. Dave felt it was in the lowest category of contributing houses.

3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE HPC

Mr. Anthony (Tony) Barzellato was introduced to THPC Members.

#### 4. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Elliott Urdang re: Cotswold Fountain at 1 Byrne Lane, is requesting hearing that HPC establish special date or HPC move their date. Dave said he'd seen Mr. Urdang in Frank Mottola's office and that Mr. Urdang could have a hearing in November or December if he complied with all ordinances. Dave never confirmed a date in writing or spoke with Mr. Urdang again. Don is preparing a new application for C/A. Mr. Urdang will have to submit a written application and satisfy all requirements of the ordinance. THPC does not wish to give Mr. Urdang a special hearing date. Mr. Urdang has flexibility in this regard. Matter is to be treated without any bias and not schedule special meetings. THPC should not adjust for Teaneck and Englewood Boards. Hearing will be on a regular meeting date. Applicant doesn't show urgency. When Mr. Urdang is ready, he can go to Building Department and get new revised application as prepared by Don.

#### 5. SIGNS

Mario said signs have been shipped. He has made diagrams of specific locations for their placement. Mario emailed Tenafly's Superintendent of DPW on 1/4/2010 with sign sites. Bob said weather should not be an issue in installing signs. Treasurer Rita Heller said final payment for signs would be issued 1/12/2010 from Finance Department. Final cost was \$11,204 from a \$12,000 Capital Fund.

#### 6. INFORMATIONAL

THPC Founder Virginia Mosley, formerly residing at 114 Columbus Drive, passed away recently. Dave will send a letter to her daughters. He was Virginia Mosley's Assistant Borough Historian for two years. She was first Borough Historian of Tenafly. Rita said 50-100 Original summaries were written by Virginia on diverse topics of local and State history. Perhaps Alice Rigney would like to present or lecture on Virginia's archival work. Alice will urge Virginia's daughters to contact The Record.

Karen observed a home at 27 Brook Road had been demolished. Building Department has most recent list of historic homes and heritage houses of Tenafly, the next generation of homes to be protected in Tenafly. The Master Plan includes all houses listed in Bergen County Historic Sites Survey dated 1982-1983. 27 Brook wasn't protected under Ordinances. Rita and Mario said Building Department should notify HPC, and this should be clarified with Mr. Mottola. Dave said there is no legal requirement. Don emailed Dave and Kevin Tremble. Kevin also said there is no requirement. Dave said perhaps a picture should be put in the newsletter. Karen said perhaps the Mayor would like to write an article. Rita said this home is not the best example. Mario hoped to speed up the designation, criteria isn't just age of home. Paul said make article more like an editorial.

HPC proposed that a letter be sent to all homeowners on Table 13 inventory alerting them to their home's status. Rita agreed to undertake this new initiative. "THE TENAFLY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR HOME IS OF SUFFICIENT SIGNIFICANCE TO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND LISTED IN A MAJOR PIECE OF ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIC RESEARCH 'BERGEN COUNTY HISTORIC SITES SURVEY dated 1982-1983'. IF INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE THPC MEMBERS. ONE OF THE IMPORTANT ROLES THPC PLAYS IS TO PROTECT PROPERTIES BY PROVIDING DUE DILIGENCE, HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL."

Karen will write article about "Grand Old Lady from 1860's lost on Brook Road". Mario said history of house is not always tied to its looks.

#### 7. BUDGET

Treasurer Rita Heller submitted numbers from the 2010 budget. There was not a significant increase from 2009. T. Robins Brown will do projects @ \$2500; \$2,000 for printing and bindings; \$3,500 for professional fees, totaling \$12,300. THPC not going to encumber \$4,000, balance from 2009 for broad areas of activities without a pre-existing purchase order completed in 2009. Hence \$4,000 from 2009 lost. Alice's glass negatives grant has balance of \$550. She is going forward in 2010, but should have her own budget. \$550 grant would also be added to her budget.

#### 8. OLD BUSINESS

Mario spoke about a new logo. He proposes to update logo and letterhead using Lance Wyman's new logo. Mario said he'd be happy to take on this project. He would hope the Mayor & Council would not choose to use this THPC logo for Tenafly letterhead. Karen said Lance is an award winning graphic designer, why not use his skill. Rita said she had letterhead for THPC totaling 247. Mario said use laser printer, no outside printer would be needed.

Rita said Jeffrey Clyman and Sandra Merrill are now owners of 53 Knickerbocker Road. A descendant of Joseph A. Martin, 1856-1971, Leroy Martin, lived at 55 Lyle Avenue. He bought a brick for around track.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dave Wall; seconded by Karen Neus. So carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Alvarez, Secretary

Approved February 4, 2010