



100 Riveredge Road, Tenafly, NJ 07670

MINUTES
Thursday, May 6, 2021

Chairwoman Karen Neus called the Webex meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

The announcement was made regarding compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law.

Roll Call

Members Present: Karen Neus, Richard Bennett, Mike Barone, Rita Heller, Dave Wall, Emily Yang, & Council Liaison Jeff Grossman

Members Absent: Reno Danese

Members of the public: Former Chair, Kevin Tremble, Rodney Chapman, Dior Vass, Kristen Lee, Katherine Youn

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for April were not approved.

Certificates of Appropriateness

Ms. Neus stated that the HPC has received a Certificate of Appropriateness application from 172 Serpentine Road. The homeowner, Kristin Lee was in attendance as also was Rodney Chapman and Dior Vass from Dior Construction, Inc., Bergenfield, NJ. This application was a preliminary hearing to obtain more information about the project, the type of siding to be replaced at the residence and to then determine if this was a major or minor application. Mr. Bennett inquired about the lineals on the house, including the casings around the windows and if the James Hardy product would match the existing materials and architectural details. Mr. Bennett also inquired about the type of air barrier to be behind the siding, which Mr. Vass answered by explaining the James Hardy Wrap process they use. Mr. Vass also went into detail about matching the color of the siding using their color plus technology which is partnered with Sherman Williams with a 30 year warranty. After about 20-25 years the product could be painted. After hearing about the presentation from Mr. Vass, the Commission was satisfied as to the thoroughness of the project plan, the qualifications of the contractor, and was in agreement that this project constitutes a minor application based on the definitions specified in the Borough Ordinance 35-807.5. Ms. Neus would sign off on the application and the owners may then apply for any other required permits they need so the work can commence.

Old Business

- a. **Tenafly Walking Tour** —The graphic designer Kat Youn, updated the Commission on the designs that she has been drafting for the brochure. The Walking Tour Committee is at a point where they're reviewing possible covers and themes that would carry over into the brochure interior. Ms. Youn showed some sample pages of her design and explained her main objective to make sure that the visuals reflect the robust copy that Mr. Wall has worked on. Chairwoman Neus explained that as the booklet is focused on Stanton, it also marks quite a number of spots in Tenafly that gives the town its identity. In the coming weeks, the Committee will be reviewing the text for its consistency with how it intersects with the design
- b. **Historic Markers Status Report**—Ms. Neus informed the Commission that all three of the markers have been delivered to the DPW. She recently met with the DPW Director, Mike Cassidy to discuss placement locations for the markers, Mr. Cassidy felt reluctant to put the marker up in the grass between the street and the house without notifying the homeowners of 89/93 Highwood Avenue.

- c. **Roosevelt Monument Project**—Ms. Neus informed the Commission that The Borough has received the proposal from Collier’s Engineering to draft the bid specifications and to manage the project which will be presented to the Mayor & Council at the next meeting. Bob Carpenter is ready to start his restoration work, however, after a second visit to the site recently, there are questions about how to proceed now that it has been determined that the capstone nearest the steps should not be removed. At some point electrical contractors will be hired to do their work. Mr. Carpenter will be on site during the electrical installation to supervise and give guidance for any stone drilling. Meanwhile, the lighting fixtures will need to be fabricated, a process which could take anywhere from eight to twelve weeks.; hence the need to hire an electrical contractor as soon as possible. The anticipated finish time for the entire project would be by the end of the summer.
- d. **Railroad Station Project**—Ms. Neus informed the Commission that there is nothing new to report.
- e. **Inness Road Gates**—Ms. Neus informed the Commission that Mr. Barone has reached out to another restoration vendor. Mr. Barone said he would like to schedule a meeting with them to obtain another proposal to restore the gates and possibly including the pillars. The Inness Road gates are protected by local ordinance because they are included in the ordinance landmarking the Cotswold Estate. It was decided that a file would need to be created with all the important data in it including the survey by David Halls – this will be initiated by Ms. Neus and Mr. Barone.

Updates from Council Liaison

Councilman Grossman informed the Commission that he has spoken with the Mayor about the Gates and that this is something they will have to work on.

New Business

No new business to be discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm by Ms. Neus. Moved by: Ms. Heller, Seconded by: Mr. Barone. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Booth
Secretary | Administrative Assistant