

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
February 25, 2013
Phoenix House, 2 West Main Street, Mendham, NJ**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chair Zedalis at 7:30 p.m. at the Phoenix House, 2 West Main Street, Mendham, NJ.

CHAIR'S OPENING STATEMENT

Notice of this meeting was published in the Observer Tribune and Daily Record on January 24, 2013 in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and posted on the bulletin board of the Phoenix House on the same date.

ATTENDANCE

Ms. C. Jones-Curl – Present
Mr. N. Cusano – Absent
Mr. M. Furgueson – Present
Mr. C. Nicholson - Present

Mr. M. Zedalis – Present
Mr. J. Dannenbaum, Alternate I – Present
Ms. Susan Carpenter, Alternate II- Absent

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MINUTES

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 17, 2013 as written. Ms. Jones Curl seconded. All members being in favor, the minutes were approved.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Zedalis opened the meeting to comments by the public on anything that was not on the agenda. There being none, the public session was closed.

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DISCUSSION

State/National Register Meeting Feedback: Chair Zedalis reported that the public meeting for the State and National Registers had taken place at the Garabrant Center on Thursday, February 21. All property owners located in the proposed area had been notified by letter from the State. After introductions and a slight history of the effort by Mr. Zedalis, Dennis Bertland, Historic District Consultant and Robert Craig, NJ Office of Historic Preservation provided presentations to the public. There were about 6 members of the public present.

Mr. Bertland reviewed the proposed boundaries and provided a slideshow of the various historic homes on the eastern and western portions of Route 24 and on Orchard Street. Robert Craig from the Historic Preservation Office then reviewed the process by which listings to the State and National Registers occur. He outlined the various tax incentives. Mendham Borough's application will be before the Committee on March 12. There is then a series of signatures and internal reviews before the final listing which could take 6 to 9 months.

Historic District Informational Package: The Commission had reviewed the draft package that had been provided in their pre-meeting packages. They were overall pleased by the work and the concept. In terms of its use in the Borough, the Commission requested that we investigate posting portions of it on the website. Ms. Callahan will identify the portions that could be posted and how it would be approached. They also recommended working with local realtors and using it as an educational tool for sales within the Historic District.

Banner Policy: At the request of the Council Sign Subcommittee, the Commission was provided with a draft copy of the banner policy and a request to specifically comment on the banner specifications as the banners would be hung in the Historic District. Overall the Commission did not have any substantive recommendations for changes to the overall policy, but did request that the language on the lighting of banners be expanded to include both external and internal lighting. This should incorporate any new technology that may develop for the lighting of banners. Ms. Callahan will advise the Committee of the requested clarification. In addition, as the banner will be located in the Historic District, the Commission requested review of the banner poles before purchase.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to come before the Commission, on motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be held on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Phoenix House, 2 West Main St., Mendham, NJ.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Callahan
Recording Secretary