

Rumson Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of March 20, 2014
Charles S. Callman Courthouse Conference Room

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chairman Charles Shay.

Roll Call: Councilwoman Atwell, Planning Board Liaison Clark, Mr. Fitzmaurice, Mr. Millhiser, Mr. Peterson, Chairman Shay, Mrs. Van Anda

All were present other than Mr. Fitzmaurice.

The Chairman declared a quorum present and announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met by the posting and mailing of a schedule of all regular meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission for 2014 to the *Asbury Park Press* and the *Two River Times*.

Approval of Minutes Feb. 20, 2014

The minutes of the February 20, 2014 meeting were approved after a motion by Councilwoman Atwell which was seconded by Mr. Peterson.

Old Business

Chairman's Report

Chairman Shay reported that he met with Mr. Fitzmaurice and Mr. Peterson on March 13 to discuss the possibility of creating an interactive map. He had a telephone conversation with Mr. Clark about the alignment of the mission statement and objectives with the requests made by the Mayor and Borough Administrator. He participated in a telephone conference call with Councilwoman Atwell and Mr. Peterson regarding the use of the Borough website. He also had a conversation with Mr. Millhiser about the Historic Property Catalogue and the construction dates of the houses on the list.

Sub-Committee Reports

Historic Property Catalogue

Because Mr. Fitzmaurice was unable to attend the meeting, Chairman Shay reported that the sub-committee working on the historic homes list has completed a first draft of the list. It designates with yellow highlighting all homes which are 100 years old and older. Homes that are between 95 and 99

years of age are highlighted in green. Councilwoman Atwell suggested that the list be updated after research is done as to which of these buildings are still standing and have not been replaced by newer structures. We also discussed the fact that some homes have been essentially totally rebuilt but are on the same footprint as the historic homes. Is the age listed still accurate for such homes?

Historic Preservation Commission Website

Councilwoman Atwell reported that she has talked with Councilman Ben Day about the hopes to have a Historic Preservation Commission presence on or linked to the Borough Website. He conveyed to her that the Borough Website has plenty of capacity to host a Historic Preservation Commission website. He suggested that it could be tailored to have its own style such as the Rumson Recreation site. He offered his help in any way and confirmed that he will be present at the next meeting to discuss the website with the Commission.

Mr. Peterson introduced Brian Malley, an architecture student at Brookdale Community College, who has agreed to serve as an intern for the purpose of creating a web presence for the Commission. Mr. Peterson and Mr. Malley informed the Commission that plans for an interactive map accessible to all on the website is feasible. Mr. Peterson will speak with Mr. Day before the next meeting to brainstorm about plans for the site.

Mr. Peterson had been asked by the Commission to reach out to former Trustee Peter Goodhue to obtain a list of suggestions that Mr. Goodhue had been requested to provide. Mr. Peterson obtained the list and passed out copies. Members will study this and discuss it at the next meeting.

Chairman Shay stated that it is his vision to have something to turn in to the Council soon. The Historic Properties spreadsheet draft is a good start. He envisions having a sample of some type of interactive device ready to present to the Council within the next few months.

Communication with Council and Boards

Mr. Clark reported on his examination of the Mission Statement and Goals that the Commission approved in the past. He reviewed it to determine if it is in alignment with the list of expectations that Mayor Ekdahl gave us when we met on April 18, 2013, the list that the Borough Administrator Tom Rogers sent to us in an email in 2011 and the list that Chairman Shay compiled after speaking with Mr. Rogers recently. After a discussion and review, it was decided that we basically meet their expectations.

It was agreed that we are essentially in alignment and do not need to make major changes to the Mission Statement and Goals, but Mr. Clark will go over

our document and revise it so that our goals are in the same order as those from the Mayor, Council and Mr. Rogers.

Quarterly Report

Councilwoman Atwell questioned the request from Mr. Rogers for a Quarterly Report from the Chairman to the Mayor and Council. Is it necessary when Commission minutes are sent to them regularly? Councilwoman Atwell volunteered to get clarification on this and other issues from the Council and ask how they would like us to go forward.

Minutes and Agenda to Website

Chairman Shay informed the Commission that Approved Minutes will now be sent to Councilman Day for publishing on the Borough Website. Meeting dates and agendas will also be published on the site.

State Historic Preservation Commission

Mr. Millhiser had been asked to look into the wisdom of aligning the Commission with the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Commission. After researching the possibility, he stated that he did not feel that it was something that we should consider at this time. He suggested that we consider hiring Gail Hunton, the historian from the Monmouth County Parks System, as a resource when we need her help.

New Business

Under New Business, the Commission members talked with Intern Brian Malley. Mr. Peterson and Mr. Malley are enthusiastic about working on the website. They will work to put something together and hope to have a prototype within the next few months. Chairman Shay suggested that Mr. Peterson, Mr. Malley and Mr. Fitzmaurice work on this during the upcoming month and said that he and/or Mr. Clark will sit in on the meetings when possible. He said that this committee is “the nuts and bolts of this project.” The goal is to have a sample to show the Council by December. Because Mr. Peterson will be out of town on the date of the next meeting, Councilwoman Atwell will attend his meeting with Councilman Day so that she can make a report at the April meeting.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday April 17, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

Adjourn

After a review of each member’s assignments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM by a motion by Mr. Peterson seconded by Councilwoman Atwell.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta H. Van Anda, Secretary