

**Minutes of the Metuchen Historic Preservation Committee Regular Meeting
September 13, 2011, 7:30 PM, Borough Hall, 2nd Floor, 500 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ**

Chairperson Tyreen Reuter called the September 13, 2011 regularly scheduled meeting of the Metuchen Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) to order at 7:37 PM.

Attendance

Committee Members:

Councilman Jay Muldoon
Suzanne E. Andrews
Tyreen Reuter
Becky Seely
Lori Chambers
Nancy Zerbe

Review/recap of Minutes from the June 14, 2011 Meeting

After discussion, the Committee reviewed and approved the minutes; Lori Chambers / Becky Seely (M/S/C, unanimous) to approve.

2010-2011 Grant Project

Dennis Bertland turned in the final report. There are two copies:

- Tyreen Reuter has a complete copy with the Appendices (with the newspaper copies)
- Jay Muldoon has a copy without the Appendices; he will make copies for the committee members.

2011-2012 Grant Project

The Committee discussed the next steps:

- First, the Committee needs to review the project scope to better define the historic district's boundaries and significance; Tyreen and Nancy to work on this before the next meeting.
- Then, we need to find the right consultant. If necessary, we will seek additional funds.
- The grant reviewers want additional public involvement.
- We need to submit to the County the name of the consultant before we hire him/her.

Scavenger Hunt

Tyreen presented a breakdown of expenses (see back of agenda).

The Committee discussed initial planning for 2012; we could consider including a few items related to the potential historic district, e.g., Woodwild Park stone entrances.

Old/New Business

Metuchen Colonial Cemetery – The Committee discussed the need for more site work, including the removal of big trees, at the cemetery, which is Borough property. Tyreen Reuter will connect Councilman Muldoon with someone on the Cemetery committee. The Committee discussed the possibility of future Eagle Scout projects.

Binder of Linda McTeague's original report with photographs has not been found.

There was a discussion of the subdivision of 204 E. Chestnut Avenue. The house has been purchased by one person; the lot with the swimming pool has been purchased by the next door neighbor. The property does not appear to be in jeopardy.

Councilman Muldoon will check how many Committee members we should have.

Next Meetings

October 11, 2011
November 8, 2011
December 13, 2011
January 10, 2012
February 14, 2012
March 13, 2012
April 10, 2012
May 8, 2012
June 12, 2012

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Zerbe
HPC Member