

**Minutes of the Metuchen Historic Preservation Committee Regular Meeting  
March 13, 2012, 7:30 PM, Borough Hall, 2nd Floor, 500 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ**

Chairperson Tyreen Reuter called the March 13, 2012 regularly scheduled meeting of the Metuchen Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) to order at 7:45 PM.

**Attendance**

Suzanne Andrews  
Tyreen Reuter  
Becky Seely  
Lori Chambers  
Richard Weber

**Review/recap of Minutes from the February 14, 2012 Meeting**

After discussion, the Committee decided to postpone approval of the minutes until the next meeting when more of the members who were at the meeting can vote.

**2011-2012 Grant Project**

Tyreen Reuter reported that the selected candidate to conduct the grant work, Margaret Newman, was approved by the County, and will begin the work next week. Although Ms. Newman was approved by the committee by correspondence since the last meeting, to reaffirm the decision, a motion was made by Suzanne Andrews/Richard Weber (M/S/C, unanimous) to hire Ms. Newman to conduct the 2011-2012 grant project.

**Scavenger Hunt**

Photographer Kyo Morishima will take the photos this year, and Tyreen Reuter has contacted last year's photographer to again express appreciation for last year's work and affirm that we would very much like to cycle back and use him again in the future. Tyreen will provide information and guidance to Kyo with the plan to have the photographs taken by mid-April in order to be ready in time for the May 1st "release" of the form.

The Committee discussed parameters for this year's hunt:

- Having fewer items to find. i.e., about 10 items.
- Using a smaller, more tightly defined geographic area, between the train station along Main Street and Borough Hall and then along Route 27 to the library.
- Prizes similar to last year, but perhaps a few more. Jay has reached out to the Chamber and Nancy will speak to a potential donor.
- Dates to run from May 1 to May 31, all of National Historic Preservation Month.
- Prizes to be awarded at the June 4 Council Meeting.

**Old/New Business**

At the last meeting, Jay Muldoon reported that we have flexibility in terms of adding other Committee members. Tyreen received confirmation from Carol Gaffney that she no longer wants to serve on the committee. Suzanne Andrews suggested a candidate (name to be released pending contact and response).

Tyreen Reuter announced that the Borough Improvement League is pursuing a grant for physical work to be done at the Old Franklin School, and that new homeowners of one of the houses in the Woodwild Park-Middlesex Avenue Historic District have copies of the original plans of their Frank A. Rooke-designed 1909 home.

**Next Meetings**

April 10, 2012

May 8, 2012

June 12, 2012

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tyreen Reuter  
HPC Member