

**Minutes of the Metuchen Historic Preservation Committee Regular Meeting
November 12, 2013, 7:30 p.m.
Borough Hall, 2nd Floor, Main Street, Metuchen, NJ**

Chairperson Tyreen Reuter called the November 12, 2013, regularly scheduled meeting of the Metuchen Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) to order at 7:40 p.m.

Attendance

Tyreen Reuter
Richard Weber
Becky Seely
Lori Chambers
Richard Miller
Suzanne Andrews

Review of Minutes from the October 8, 2013, Meeting

The minutes from the October 8, 2013, meeting were reviewed. Richard Weber/Richard Miller (M/S/C, unanimous) to approve the minutes.

Grant Project 2013–2014

- Tyreen Reuter reported that all paperwork for the 2013–2014 grant project has been submitted to the County Cultural and Heritage Commission. Once the paperwork is processed and funds are released, Margaret Newman can start work on the preliminary form for the potential historic district.
- Tyreen Reuter suggested that information on the nomination process should be provided to council liaison Jay Muldoon, who would then update the council.

Public Outreach

Homeowners Meeting. The Committee discussed holding a meeting in March 2014 for homeowners within the potential historic district. Suzanne Andrews volunteered to host the meeting in her home.

Realtors Meeting. The Committee discussed inviting local realtors to the Committee's regularly scheduled meeting in February or March 2014. The purpose would be to open lines of communication and identify ways in which the two groups could work together to: a.) advance appreciation of Metuchen's older homes; and b.)

leverage market interest in walkable towns with historic neighborhoods to Metuchen's advantage.

HPC Flyer. Richard Miller shared a proof of the HPC flyer he is developing. The Committee discussed possible content, potential photographs/illustrations, and various ways the flyer could be used to inform the public. Richard requested that Committee members forward their feedback for incorporation in the next proof.

Scavenger Hunt

The Committee agreed to discuss the 2014 Scavenger Hunt early next year.

New/Old Business

- Tyreen Reuter provided an update on this year's Holiday House Tour.
- Tyreen Reuter informed the committee of the discovery of several old building foundations after the house at 177 Center Street was demolished.
- Committee members discussed notable older homes that are currently for sale or have recently been sold.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next Meetings

December 10, 2013
January 14, 2014
February 11, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Chambers, HPC Member