

Minutes of the Metuchen Historic Preservation Committee Regular Meeting
April 28, 2015
Metuchen Borough Hall, 2nd Floor, 500 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ

Chairperson Tyreen Reuter called the March 10, 2015 regularly scheduled meeting of the Metuchen Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) to order at 7:39 PM.

Attendance

Tyreen Reuter, Nancy Zerbe, Richard Weber, Richard Miller, and Councilman Jay Muldoon, Liaison Michele Clancy, guest

Review of Minutes from the March 10, 2015 Meeting

The minutes from the March 10, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Richard Weber / Lori Chambers (M/S/C, unanimous) to approve the minutes.

Scavenger Hunt

The committee reviewed and approved the draft form. Winners will be announced at the June 15 Borough Council meeting. The Chamber will donate gift certificates. The form will be on the Borough website as of the beginning of May. The Committee wants to send it out via the schools (Moss, Campbell, and St. Francis) again; it worked best when we gave copies to schools.

National Register Nomination

The Committee reviewed the status of the draft National Register nomination.

Tyreen Reuter:

- reported that she had met with the Borough Administrator and updated her on the National Register nomination;
- distributed a copy of a map she had developed to show the boundaries of the historic district;

New Business

On May 31, there will be the Middlesex County History Fair (first time that the County Cultural and Heritage Commission has organized this.)

Tyreen reported that she joined the Raritan-Millstone Alliance board. They will be adding more sites from Metuchen.

There was a recent clean-up of the Colonial Cemetery; there seems to be renewed interest in the site. There is concern about the embankment and the potential threat to the gravesites in close proximity to

the embankment. There has been discussion of the need for a preservation plan; this could be a possible grant project. Also, there needs to be a main contact person and protocol within Borough Hall.

Current Grant Project

The Committee discussed the status of the project to develop a booklet using research from past historic research:

- Committee members worked on transcribing some of the past newspaper articles.
- Richard Weber has been working to edit the transcriptions.
- Tyreen Reuter is working on a draft layout.
- Lori Chambers has been researching Truman Pierson, the man who developed the name “Brainy Borough.”

The booklet is due to the County by mid-June; the new grant application is due June 19th with a grant workshop on June 2.

Old Business

Councilman Liaison Muldoon is looking into the possibility of the Committee having space to store documents at Borough Hall.

The meeting ended 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Zerbe, HPC Member

Upcoming Meetings

May 12

June 9