

**Minutes of the Metuchen Historic Preservation Committee Regular Meeting**  
**January 13, 2015**  
**Metuchen Borough Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 500 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ**

Chairperson Tyreen Reuter called the January 13, 2015 regularly scheduled meeting of the Metuchen Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) to order at 7:42 PM.

**Attendance**

Tyreen Reuter, Nancy Zerbe, Richard Weber, Becky Seely, Suzanne Andrews

**Review of Minutes from the November 18, 2014 Meeting**

The minutes from the November 18, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Becky Seely / Tyreen Reuter (M/S/C, unanimous) to approve the minutes.

In discussing the November minutes, Suzanne Andrews asked about the December event with persons with disabilities; Suzanne suggested that we include this activity in our report to the County.

**National Register Nomination**

Tyreen Reuter updated the committee on the status of the draft National Register nomination. Based on the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office's comments:

- The historic district map is being revised to show which lots are vacant.
- The Committee needs to add in some houses on streets where the State recommended that the district be expanded.

Nancy Zerbe offered to write the revised boundary description as well as the architectural descriptions of the new houses.

Tyreen Reuter agreed to get in touch with Richard Miller about taking photographs of the houses that were added as well as writing up some information about landscaping features.

The Committee's goal is to have a draft nomination by the next meeting, including the revised (and checked) maps, lists of properties within the district, photographs of the newly added houses, some landscaping description, and more history added to the individual building write-ups.

**New Grant Project**

The Committee discussed the goals, content, and format for the new grant project, which is intended to put together public information on the research that has been conducted as part of the grant projects. All committee members received a copy of the 1914-1915 newspaper articles about the Brainy Borough

battle between Metuchen and Glen Ridge. Committee members are to review them and send to Becky Seely suggestions for how to incorporate the material into a public education booklet. Becky will report at the February HPC meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

February 10

March 10

April 14

May 12

June 9

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Zerbe, HPC Member