

# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for January 21, 2009

Present: Ed Gagne, Eileen Stokes, Bill Beute, Dale Blum, Sue Penney

Opened: 7:40

Meeting Properly advertised, etc.

## Reorganization

Chairman—Eileen Stokes. Nominated, Dale Blum; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bill Beute. Passed.

Vice Chair—Barbara Rossi. Nominated, Sue Penney, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dale Blum. Passed.

Secretary—Roving. Passed

Paul Krylowski did not seek reappointment. His resignation was accepted with regrets.

Caryl Brackenridge has been appointed to finish Alternate #1 term, expiring '09.

Eileen Stokes has been appointed as a Class B member to finish term expiring '11.

Dale Blum has been reappointed to a 4-year Class C term, expiring '12.

William Beute has been appointed to a full term as a Class C member, expiring '12.

Susan Penney has been appointed as a Class C member to finish term expiring '11.

The Alternate #2 position (2 year term) is vacant.

## Minutes

Minutes for the November 19, 2008 meeting moved by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup>ed by Ed, accepted as written.

December 17, 2008—a quorum was not present, was deferred to February 18, 2009.

## Applicants

There were no applicants.

## Old Business

Sidewalk Project Authorization –Eileen has heard nothing more since December.

We have been alerted that there may be work needed on the NE corner of the Latourette mill foundation, GV District. The water will have to be diverted to allow the work to be done.

Eileen has replied to Paula Scelsi @ DOT with accumulated comments for the Section 106 Review relating to the Middle Valley Bridge.

We received a note from former commissioner, Paul Krylowski, questioning work currently being done at 6 Schooley's Mountain Road.

In response, we have established an open line of communication with the property owner and we are dealing with him on all issues. Paul's note has been filed for further reference. Ed Gagne reminded the Commission that the work is not finished and that he

and Caryl were told by the owner and contractor that when finished all head trim would be exact and the bottom stool would be added to look the same.

#### Zion Update

The Zion application was before the Planning Board Jan 12. Bill is a PB member and was present. Eileen attended and was sworn in to explain the HPC thinking behind the COA issued February, 2008 (RO 02-01-08). As part of Morris County Planning Board's review of the application, they have requested that Zion narrow County Road 517 in front of the church to provide consistent road width and install new curbing. This would require new Freshwater Wetlands permitting and would fall within the 300' stream buffer. A site walk is being scheduled within the next two weeks with the County PB, WT PB, Zion and the HPC. The public hearing was adjourned until March 9. HPC will write a letter supporting a hardship waiver from the County requirement.

#### Budget

Barbara Rossi did submit a 2009 Budget for the HPC on January 6, 2009.

#### Open to the Public

##### Dr. Kossmann House, 36 Schooleys Mtn. Road, GV District, B27 L30

Concern has been expressed by neighbor Burt Horner for the Dr. Kossmann House located on Schooley's Mountain Road. The house has been empty for at least 10 years and has suffered damage due to neglect and a tree coming down on the roof. No decision has been made as to what we might be able to do to improve the situation. Eileen will look for a more complete interpretation of the Preventive Maintenance clause of our ordinance.

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#### Mail Bag

2009 Township Directory listing has been corrected. Sample received.

The meeting ended at 9:50 pm.