

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting December 21, 2016

Meeting was called to order by chairperson Roger at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Carol Crawford-Jones, Sharon Dysart, Marcia Hansen, Roger Mellick, Richard Miller, and Beth and Dave Sosidka

Minutes of November 16 Richard Miller motioned and Dave seconded. Minutes were approved.

Roger spoke with Carol Beder, and she has agreed to serve on our Commission. She has been nominated. She will attend the meeting in January. The Council will have to approve her appointment.

We had talked about recommendations coming from the Commission about renovation, and it's something we will develop and pursue. Roger will be a liaison between the council and our Commission.

Construction has begun on the apartment building next to the library. Our Commission did not have any input on the design.

A discussion ensued on affordable housing with developers having their "eyes" on property in Clinton.

The Commission should be involved in future development of Clinton. We exist to provide historic information to the Town. Roger spoke of THE NEW JERSEY PLANNER, the newsletter of the New Jersey Planning Officials. There should be a process that when someone makes an application for development or renovations of existing structures in the historic district, a copy should go to the chairperson of our Commission; this will be pursued for input and commentary.

Walter Wilson has gotten two investors trying to build housing/retail/

Action items. Redevelopment zone, Mobus tract, Roger will reach out to the NJCF Conservation Foundation - do projects all over the state - they might have an interest in Clinton.

Commission empowerment would allow us to have input based upon our charter. We are supposed to follow a State ordinance. We have an historic town, so the Commission should have some input.

The Council has agreed to transfer \$700 to our Commission for the World War I exhibit at the Mill. The fund is now close to the \$5,000 goal.

Marcia returned the Commission's tape recorder. Discussion of some of the long-time Clinton people whom we could tape an interview. Life-long residents. Mark from Citi Spot loves to do this; we might ask him if he would like to do this project. How to elicit stories from people. We want to video. A list of questions will be generated. Roger will approach Mark, and Richard will do the first interview.

Richard made a Motion was made to adjourn seconded by Sharon. 8:03

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 18.