

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
JANUARY 10, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

The January 10, 2023 Historic Preservation Commission meeting was held in the Court Room in Memorial Town Hall. Doug Swenson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Ms. Mitchell read the Open Public Meeting Notice: The January 10, 2023 Open Public Meeting of the Wyckoff Historic Preservation Commission is now in session. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting appears on our annual schedule of meetings. A copy of said annual schedule has been posted on the bulletin board in Memorial Town Hall; a copy has been filed with the Township Clerk, The Record, The Ridgewood News, and the North Jersey Herald News – all newspapers with general circulation throughout the Township of Wyckoff. At least 48 hours prior to this meeting, the agenda thereof was similarly posted, filed, and emailed to said newspapers.

Roll Call

Present: Rudy Boonstra, Township Committeeman; Doug Swenson, Patricia Constance, Joseph Cestaro, Steven Zmuda, Beth Van Emburgh, Curtis Bajak, Joseph Haftek, and Maureen Mitchell. Absent: Richard Lynch

Nomination of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary

Mr. Haftek made a motion to appoint Mr. Swenson Commission Chair for 2023. Second, Ms. Van Emburgh. Voting in favor: all.

Mr. Bajak made a motion to appoint Ms. Constance Commission Vice Chair for 2023. Second, Ms. Van Emburgh. Voting in favor: all.

Mr. Bajak made a motion to appoint Ms. Mitchell as Commission Secretary for 2023. Second, Ms. Van Emburgh. Voting in favor: all.

Old Business

Approval of the October 11, 2022 meeting minutes. Mr. Haftek made a motion to approve the October 11, 2022 meeting minutes. Second, Ms. Constance. Voting in favor: all.

New Business

Mr. Swenson said he attended the December 14, 2022 Planning Board meeting where Brigitte Bogart, the Township's Professional Planner, presented the Historic Preservation Element of the Master Plan to the Board for approval to amend the Master Plan. At that time Ms. Bogart stated that some of the wording in the Historic Preservation Ordinances 1875 and 1876 will have to be amended, and both Ordinances will have to be re-adopted by the Township Committee. The Planning Board approved amending the Master Plan by adding the Historic Preservation Element which includes the fourteen (14) registered historic structures in Wyckoff.

There was a discussion about the difference between the designation of historic districts, vistas, and streetscapes. Both Mr. Haftek and Mr. Swenson stated that they tried to find information about these designations and neither found any definitive answers. Mr. Swenson said much of Mahwah and Ridgewood have historic district designations. One such area in Wyckoff could be the Business Triangle, however most of the structures have been renovated or updated and no longer exhibit historic characteristics.

Mr. Cestaro expressed the opinion that the Business Triangle is a small enough area to identify which of the existing buildings would qualify to designate the area as a historic district. Mr. Haftek said that from what information he found, it appears that the Triangle could be designated as a historic district and then specific historic structures and non-historic structures within the district would be identified.

Mr. Swenson said that Ridgewood hired a professional to create the directory for its historic district, however it was most likely very expensive. He added that this is where the CLG certification comes in handy because it would enable us to apply for grant money for such a project. He asked Mr. Haftek if he would take another look at the CLG application.

Mr. Boonstra said he believes the Township's open space grant money may possibly be utilized for historic preservation purposes, adding that he will look into that by speaking with Rob Landel, the Township Attorney.

Mr. Haftek mentioned that the initial goal was to get a quote for how much it would cost to review the entire town for historic structures. Ms. Van Emburgh and Mr. Cestaro agreed, pointing out that there is much more outside of the Business Triangle that we want to preserve.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
NO ONE FROM THE PUBLIC COMMENTED
CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Bajak brought up the fact that Ridgewood Water is proposing to construct a water treatment facility at the Cedar Hill Well Field site, adding that the site is listed on one of Bergen County's Historic Site Surveys. Mr. Cestaro asked if the Ridgewood Water application would go before the Design Review Advisory Board for a review of the architectural design of the proposed building. He recommended that the Board should have some input as to the proposed design. Mr. Boonstra said he does not believe the application will go to the Design Review Board however he will ask that question at the Planning Board meeting.

Ms. Constance said she contacted Lynn Bruggeman of Wyckoff Living Magazine. The magazine will feature an article and photos of the Wyckoff Reformed Church in its March publication.

Mr. Swenson handed out a list of additional homes or sites in Wyckoff which the Commission should begin to move forward with for historic designation including the Cedar Hill Well Field.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. The meeting concluded at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Mitchell