

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION OF THE  
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER  
HELD JANUARY 25, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Al Kurpis, Commission Members: Maurice Burke, Mary Bello Mutter, Michael Trepecchio, Marie Harper, Jonathon Kurpis, Council Representative Michael Toomey

**ABSENT:** Commission Member Paul Palmeri

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**PRESIDING:** The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.; Commission Secretary Joy Convertini read the following statement:

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** "Notice of this meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act Chapter 231 of the laws of 1975, has been given by posting a notice of the scheduled dates of all regular meetings of the Landmarks Commission of the Borough of Saddle River on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and in the office of the Borough Clerk and by emailing a notice thereof to the Ridgewood Newspapers and The Record on December 23, 2011.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made to approve the October 26, 2011 minutes by Commission Member Mary Bello Mutter. Second by Commission Member Mike Treppichio  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**REORGANIZATION:**

**Appointment of Commission Chairman Al Kurpis**

Motion Offered by Commission Member Burke  
Second by Commission Member Mary Bello Mutter  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**Appointment of Commission Vice Chairman Jonathan Kurpis**

Motion Offered by Commission Chairman Al Kurpis  
Second by Commission Member Mary Bello Mutter  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**Appointment of Commission Secretary Joy Convertini**

Motion Offered by Commission Member Maria Harper  
Second by Commission Member Mary Bello Mutter  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**WORK SESSION:**

At this time, Chairman Kurpis stated that the Mayor and Council determined that the Landmarks Commission should retain this name as indicated in the amended Historic Preservation Ordinance No.11-859-C. The Commission reviewed this amended ordinance at this time, stressing the responsibilities, powers and duties of the Commission.

The creation of an updated list and map of historic properties was also deemed a priority for the Commission; Mike Treppichio was appointed to head this project.

Chairman Kurpis discussed the degree to which the Borough can have jurisdiction over exterior residential design, in an effort to maintain the bucolic and quaint esthetics that define Saddle River.

The Saddle River Museum and The Bishop House will have two separate advisory committees moving forward, which will be appointed by the Mayor and Council. It was decided that Jon Kurpis would be on the Bishop House advisory committee and Maurice Burke would be on the Museum advisory committee, both representing the Landmarks Commission.

Additionally, it was decided that both Jon Kurpis and Maurice Burke would report monthly to the Landmarks Commission as to any updates on the respective properties.

County grants that are available in Bergen County were also discussed and Chairman Kurpis stated that the Landmarks Commission should consider hiring a grant consultant in order to procure these funds in a timely fashion.

Chairman Kurpis asked Jon Kurpis if the Museum had a strategic plan in place to address all of the necessary repairs as well as usages, fund raising and community awareness for the Museum moving forward. Jon Kurpis stated that the Museum committee is currently determining what artifacts will be displayed; the actual structural repairs to the building are being orchestrated through the Borough and the Borough Engineer. The Museum must also apply for 501-3C status in order to accept donations moving forward.

Chairman Kurpis reiterated the need to procure an updated list of historical properties in the Borough and have a map created to illustrate them.

Chairman Kurpis asked Mike Toomey to update the Commission about the plans for the Perillo House, which has been donated to the Borough for their use. Mike Toomey stated that the Mayor and Council have not yet decided where the Perillo House will be relocated and Chairman Kurpis reiterated that he feels the best location would be at the entrance to Rindlaub Park.

The Exxon property was discussed and Chairman Kurpis stated that there were once 17 water mills in the Borough of Saddle River and he feels that a mill on this property could be the focal point and portray the image of the Borough. He would like the Landmarks Commission to develop a plan and a color rendition for this property and present it to the Mayor and Council prior to another plan being presented and carried out.

It was determined that the Landmarks Commission meetings will be held at 7:00pm in 2012.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the Landmarks Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Convertini  
Secretary