

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION OF THE  
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER  
HELD OCTOBER 26, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Al Kurpis Commission Members, Mary Bello Mutter, Michael Treppechio, Gus Morpurgo

**ABSENT:** Commission Members Maurice Burke, Marie Harper, Jonathon Kurpis Paul Palmeri, Council Representative Michael Toomey

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**PRESIDING:** The meeting was called to order at 7:45 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 31, 2010.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made to approve the May 25, 2011 minutes by Commission Member Mary Bello Mutter. Seconded by Commission Chairman Kurpis  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**WORK SESSION:**

At this time, Chairman Kurpis asked those present what the mission of the Landmarks Commission should be moving forward and if the Commission should be renamed to the Historic Preservation Commission and this was discussed in detail.

Council Representative Michael Toomey discussed Zoning Ordinances which are currently being amended, including the "Historic Preservation" ordinance. The amendment states that residents who wish to make any modifications to a property or structure deemed historic, would now seek approval from the Mayor and Council rather than the Landmarks Commission. Additionally, the ordinance would specify that all dealings with the Bishop House as well as the Saddle River Museum would be under the auspices of the Landmarks Commission. Chairman Kurpis stated that the Landmarks Commission would be responsible for reporting to the Mayor and Council monthly; budgetary issues and procuring grant monies were also addressed. Hiring a grant consultant was also discussed and it was decided that the Commission would look into the budget to determine if funds exist for this purpose.

**The Perillo House Relocation:** Chairman Kurpis stated that the Perillo family has agreed to donate this structure to the Borough; it was the home of the first school teacher and the first school house in the Borough and holds a historic distinction. He further stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission have expressed an interest in this structure to be placed at the entrance of Rindlaub Park so it is visible and accessible to the youth of the Borough.

The importance of keeping the youth in Saddle River involved and educated in historical information was

discussed and the need to heighten awareness was addressed.

**Exxon Property:** 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.

Mr. Toomey stated that there are no immediate plans for the Exxon property but Mayor Raia is planning to alter the current topography of the property. He further stated that the Mayor and Council had also discussed relocating the Perillo House to the Exxon property and Chairman Kurpis stated that it would be more appropriate at the entrance to Rindlaub Park.

**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

