

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
HELD FEBRUARY 27, 2013**

PRESENT: Commission Members: Chairman Kurpis, Michael Trepicchio, Maria Harper, Jack LaViano Council Rep. Al Kurpis

ABSENT: Commission Member Mary Bello Mutter, Maurice Burke

PRESIDING: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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 20, 2012 and on the Borough website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the January 23, 2013 minutes by Commission Member Maria Harper. Second by Commission Chairman Jon Kurpis
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

DESIGNATION/APPLICATIONS:

**Blk. 1401 Lot 14
4 Barnstable Ct.
Saddle River Inn
Remove existing awnings;
Raise existing sign
Reposition lighting to accommodate sign locations
APPROVED**

Mr. David Madison, Manager of the Saddle River Inn explained the application to the Commission in detail at this time. He stated that they would like to remove the awnings currently on the structure in order to bring more light to the interior of the building as well as maximize the visibility of the beautiful property. Chairman Kurpis agreed with Mr. Madison but stated that once these awnings are removed, they may not ever be permitted to be reinstalled.

Mr. Madison explained the moving of the existing signage on the east side of the building; he intends to move it up for improved visibility. He also would like to install the exact same signage on the west side of the building, where the entrance is located and add lighting. Additionally, the existing lighting will be repositioned in order to accommodate the new sign locations.

Mr. Madison explained that he would like to reduce some of the existing lighting on the west side and he was cautioned to get the necessary approvals and permits prior to having any work done.

The possibility of adding outdoor dining on the Saddle River Inn property was addressed and Al Kurpis stated that the view across the river will be improving significantly when the Saddle River Crossings project gets underway. A jogging track along the Saddle River is proposed and the area behind the Colonial Shopping Center will be cleaned up.

Additionally, the parking lot in front of the Saddle River Inn is also scheduled to be completely redone in conjunction with the addition of a drive-thru at the new bank under construction at 71 East Allendale Rd.

At this time Chairman Kurpis reiterated that the Certificate of Appropriateness would include the following:

- The removal of all of the awnings on the structure
- Moving the sign on the east side of the building up and relocating the lighting accordingly
- Adding the **exact** same sign on the west side of the building with the lighting placed accordingly.
- Removing lighting on the west side of the building, to be determined.

A motion to **approve** this application was offered by Commission Member Harper

Seconded by Commission Member Jack LaViano

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Maria Harper, Jack LaViano, Mike Trepicchio, Jon Kurpis

ABSENT: Maurice Burke, Mary Bello Mutter

WORK SESSION:

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

OLD BUSINESS: The organization of an historical tour had been addressed at the January 23, 2013 meeting of the Landmarks Commission; Al Kurpis stated that he presented this concept to the Mayor and Council and they are in favor of this event. He encouraged the Commission to move forward with the planning phase.

NEW BUSINESS: Al Kurpis addressed the bank that has been approved at 71 East Allendale Road stating that the approval was with the condition that it would be renovated with a historical context to include the structure and the lighting. Chairman Kurpis stated that he did not feel that many of the residents are aware of this project and it could be extremely contentious. It was decided that the related minutes and the Certificate of Appropriateness would be reviewed in order to insure compliance with Borough code.

Al Kurpis stated that it is imperative that the historic properties in the Borough are on a register in order to prevent their destruction in error. He addressed the Perillo House, which was slated to be the gate house on the Marker property adjacent to the Municipal Building when the ingress and egress to Rindlaub Park are modified. The structure is sandstone and would have to be banded in order to be moved; Borough Administrator Cuccia had spoken with a company regarding moving this structure and the Commission was going to follow up on costs.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Convertini
Secretary