

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION OF THE  
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER  
HELD JANUARY 23, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Commission Members: Maurice Burke, Mary Bello Mutter, Michael Trepicchio, Marie Harper, Jonathon Kurpis, Council Rep. Al Kurpis

**ABSENT:** Commission Member Jack LaViano

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**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 October 24, 2012 minutes by Commission Member Mary Bello Mutter. Second by Commission Member Mike Trepicchio  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**REORGANIZATION:**

**Appointment of Commission Chairman Jon Kurpis**  
Motion Offered by Commission Member Mary Bello Mutter  
Second by Commission Member Maria Harper  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**Appointment of Commission Vice Chairman Mike Trepicchio**  
Motion Offered by Commission Chairman Jon 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, Al Kurpis stated that the Mayor and Council have expressed interest in conducting a tour throughout the Borough of areas and structures of historical significance. He further stated that community involvement is very important as Saddle River is rich with a historical past that many residents are unaware of.

**DESIGNATION/APPLICATIONS:**

**Blk. 1607 Lot 7  
88 East Allendale Road  
Saddle River Museum  
Replace roof, exterior siding and  
rear window; extend rear overhang  
APPROVED**

Borough Engineer Spence presented this application and explained it in detail to the Commission. He stated that a bond ordinance was approved to fund this project. This project is strictly for exterior stabilization; he utilized a Power Point presentation in order to provide photographs of the existing structure.

He explained the roofing material as well as the proposed siding material, which is in keeping with other historical structures in the downtown area. The chimney and foundation will be re-pointed and copper gutters are going to be installed. The bid provides for insulation, the installation of PVC window trim, a new rear window and an extension of a rear overhang.

Mr. Spence brought both a sample of the roofing material and the siding for the Commission's approval. A sliding window will be installed in the kitchen for serving purposes and the overhangs will be reconstructed with the rear overhang being extended to cover the above-referenced window. The columns supporting the overhangs will be pressure treated wood and wrapped in PVC.

Work is scheduled to commence shortly, weather dependent, and should take approximately two months. He further explained that the contractor who was the low bidder is a Saddle River resident and the former Borough building inspector, with impeccable references.

Additional work that would be necessary at the Museum was discussed including signage, landscaping, lighting and both a fire suppression and alarm system.

Chairman Kurpis outlined the importance of getting these improvements underway so that the community will take an interest and appreciate the historical significance of the artifacts on display inside. He further stated that he would like to see Wandell students become involved, perhaps with an ongoing tree planting program on the property.

Various fund raisers and activities that could be held at the Museum were discussed in detail at this time.

Borough Engineer Spence stated that the Commission should consider replacing the rear patio with either pavers or blue stone. Additionally, the well house located in the front of the Museum will also be re-roofed to match the primary structure.

Al Kurpis suggested adding a piece of drip line over the windows and down lighting in the soffits of the overhangs and Mr. Spence stated that this was not included in the bid but it could be considered as there should be extra funds available.

A motion to **approve** this application was offered by Commission Member Harper  
Seconded by Commission Member Bello-Mutter  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

It was decided that Chairman Kurpis would document the renovation with photographs.

Mr. Spence stated that, due to the sensitivity of the materials in the Museum, the contractor does not want to have access to the interior of the structure.

**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