

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION OF THE  
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER  
HELD September 24, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Commission Chairman Jon Kurpis; Commission Members: Mary Bello, Maria Harper, Joanne Kakaty, Michael Trepicchio, Council Rep. Al Kurpis

**ABSENT:** Commission Member Gloria Blumenthal

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**PRESIDING:** The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m.

**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, 2013 and on the Borough website.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made to approve the July 9, 2014 minutes by Joanne Kakaty. Seconded by Jon Kurpis  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**DESIGNATION/APPLICATIONS:** There were none.

**WORK SESSION:**

**The Saddle River Museum:** Chairman Kurpis stated that he would like the Commission to focus on the completion of the interior of the Saddle River Museum. There are grant opportunities available that the Borough can apply for and this was discussed in detail. One of the proposed grants, in the amount of \$30,000, specifically deals with building exteriors and Chairman Kurpis stated that he would also like to install a rear patio at the museum and make it handicap capable.

Planting Dogwood trees on the Saddle River Museum property was also discussed as the Dogwood is the official Borough tree.

**Historical Homes in Saddle River:** Chairman Kurpis stated that he would like to get an accurate assessment of how many homes in Saddle River are designated historic, on either the national register or landmarked in Saddle River. He further stated that any resident living in an historic home should have the opportunity to have it designated accordingly.

**Meeting with the Wandall School Students:** Chairman Kurpis stated that he will be visiting Wandell School on October 8<sup>th</sup> to do a presentation on the history of Saddle River. He further stated that, once the museum is completed, it will be an invaluable resource for the students to be able to view artifacts which will be organized in a chronological sequence.

Joanne Kakaty suggested that a Committee be formed in order to work on completing the museum. She also asked about the possibility of getting office space either at the Marker property or the Bishop House so that the historical files can be moved to a safe place.

A motion was offered to procure office space at the Marker property for the purposes of storing historical archives. Seconded by Chairman Kurpis.

Voice Vote: All AYES

Chairman Kurpis was appointed as Borough Historian at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on September 15, 2014.

Council Representative Kurpis suggested that an ongoing Dogwood planting program be instituted in the Borough.

Joanne Kakaty asked about the planting plan for the museum; the plan was approved but the funds were not released to purchase the plants. The Commission agreed to look into this issue.

Council Representative Kurpis stated that there are many historical homes in Saddle River and he would like these homes to gain more exposure in conjunction with educating Wandell students about the historical significance of the town. He reiterated the importance of obtaining an accurate list of these homes.

The Commission addressed the need to replace Jack LaViano who resigned from the Landmarks Commission. Joanne Kakaty stated that the Commission should have an alternate member in the event that a quorum is needed and other Commission members are unable to attend.

A motion was offered by Joanne Kakaty to appoint an alternate member of the Landmarks Commission. Seconded by Chairman Kurpis

Voice Vote: All AYES

The work necessary to complete the interior of the Museum was discussed and Chairman Kurpis stated that he was going to meet with Acting Administrator Shenkler in order to address the bid process.

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Marilyn Goldfisher, 124 West Saddle River Road inquired about the Certificate of Appropriateness that was granted to Saddle River Barnstable LLC for 73 East Allendale Road. The application was proposed to elevate the building 4.5 feet and install a new foundation.

Ms. Goldfisher did not feel that this was not the most efficient way to deal with this issue and the Commission discussed this in detail at this time.

As the Certificate of Appropriateness was already issued, the applicant must now obtain a building permit and/or a variance to complete the work.

### **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