



MINUTES
BOROUGH OF EMERSON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE
October 16, 2017
7:00 P.M.
Borough Hall-Council Chambers
Emerson, NJ 07630



- I. Jill McGuire called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and identified the emergency exits and requested all cell phones ringtones be turned off.
- Jill McGuire asked Tony Basile to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

- Jill McGuire asked Linda Flynn to call the role of the Emerson Historic Preservation Committee ("EHPC").

Present: Jill McGuire, Phil Mazzo, Marie Castrovillari, Tony Basile, Frances Varoli, Owen Cassidy and Linda Flynn.

Absent: Ann McElwain and Vincent Benanti

III. EXCUSED ABSENCE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Jill McGuire discussed options for excusing absences of Vincent Benanti. Several failed attempts (via telephone and email) have been made to contact Mr. Benanti to see if he's interested in continuing his committee status.

▣ **Motion** to excuse the absence of Owen Cassidy from the Regular Meeting of September 18th was **moved** by Tony Basile, **seconded** by Phil Mazzo and carried unanimously.

▣ **Motion** to not excuse the absence of Vince Benanti from the Regular Meeting of September 18th was **moved**. **Jill McGuire requested a Roll Call vote.**

RC: Committee Members:

NOT EXCUSED: Mazzo, Castrovillari, Basile, Varoli and Cassidy

IV. PROCLAMATIONS & CITATIONS

- Jill McGuire announced there are no proclamations or citations.

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

- Jill McGuire announced there are no appointments/resignations.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Jill McGuire requested a motion to approve the minutes of September 18th 2017.

▣ **Motion** to approve the Minutes of the meeting of September 18th, 2017 was **moved** by Tony Basile **seconded** by Frances Varoli and carried unanimously.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Signed Oath was presented to Owen Cassidy.
- Jill McGuire spoke to liaison Richard Worthington regarding a Sub Committee for The Historic Element/ Master Plan. Update: The Borough planner will include a historical element in the reexamination report of the master plan. We are not at a point where we need appoint a sub committee.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Jill McGuire reviewed our library event featuring Vietnam Veteran Jim Tobin. All the pictures are scanned. Other displays include a letter, uniform and other memorabilia. The event will be on November 6th at 7pm at the library. It's important for us to provide educational programs for the community, especially getting the younger people involved.
- The Pascack Museum has donated two display cases to us for our future Historic Committee Museum Days. They are currently in storage and our goal is to have them moved to a centralized space for future EHPC Museum Days.

IX. REPORTS

- Frances Varoli gave her findings regarding publishing. The book store recommended going with Arcadia unless we are interested in a bound book. Frances will follow up with Staples regarding pricing for bound book. We can compare soft versus hard copy publishing at the next meeting. Taking cost and order amounts into consideration.
 - Jill stated this is a big future project. Once we decide the details of the publishing it will be an all hands on deck committee project!
- Jill McGuire gave a report regarding the announcement at the last Land Use meeting which included a goal to include the Historic Element in the Master Plan. Jill stated; this is a great thing getting the Historic Element added in 2017 because the next opportunity for reexamination will be in 2027.
- Jill McGuire met with numerous Emersonian's. Specifically Father Paul from Assumption Church. He provided photos of the church and Pascarella Home. Also, James Tobin, Vietnam Vet, Paul Capuzzo who is grandson of Anthony Capuzzo provided some WWI medals and photos, on loan, for our November 30th WWI Centennial event. While at the Pascack Valley Museum event, Jill was introduced to Muriel Salimando. Jill requested Ms. Salimando contact her, hopefully she will.
 - Future contact, Ed Haub from Westwood, married at the Emerson Hotel.
 - Jill gave 10 calling cards out to committee members.
- Regarding the Memorial Day Parade. Jill attempted to go to the Rec Meeting. Unfortunately it was cancelled. No updates for this month.
- Updates on our November 30th WWI Centennial Event.
 - Vocalists have been meeting at the library for practice.
 - We have the WWI uniform jacket, hat, medals, sheet music, photo gallery, videos and articles from WWI for display
 - The theme will be Music & Propaganda During WWI
- Keep trying to request historic photos from the community. Use one of your 10 calling cards when you meet with people.
- Frank Varney speaking event is confirmed for June. He finished his first book on General Grant and is working on his second book.
- Follow up on Emerson resident, Jean Turi's request from the last meeting, was passed on to liaison Rich Worthington and Perry Salimando. There might be opportunities for grants Jill will follow up with Administrator. We may not be candidates for grants due to our Committee status.
- Tony Basile gave an update on band business. Tony and Jill went to see the Band recently at the High School. Tony inquired as to whether they will be able to play for us at a future event. Unfortunately they are not available for the November 30th event. We hope to get them to play at the Summer Kick Off or an EHPC future fundraiser event.

X.PUBLIC COMMENT

NA

XI.RESOLUTION

NA

XII.ADJOURNMENT

■ **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. was **moved** by Owen Cassidy, **seconded** by Phil Mazzo and carried.