



**MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF EMERSON  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
COMMITTEE  
November 20, 2017  
7:00 P.M.  
Borough Hall-Council Chambers  
Emerson, NJ 07630**



- I. Jill McGuire called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and identified the emergency exits and requested all cell phone ringtones be turned off.
- Jill McGuire asked Bill Neumann 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, and Linda Flynn.

**Absent:** Ann McElwain, Owen Cassidy and Vincent Benanti

III. EXCUSED ABSENCE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

▣ **Motion** not to excuse the absence of Vince Benanti from the Regular Meeting of October 16th was **moved** by Tony Basile, **seconded** by Frances Varoli and carried unanimously. **Jill McGuire requested a Roll Call vote.**

**RC: Committee Members:**

**NOT EXCUSED: Mazzo, Castrovillari, Basile and Varoli.**

▣ **Motion** to excuse the absence of Ann McElwain from the Regular Meeting of October 16th was **moved** by Frances Varoli **seconded** by Marie Castrovilari and carried unanimously.

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 October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

▣ **Motion** to approve the Minutes of the meeting of October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 was **moved** by Frances Varoli **seconded** by Tony Basile and carried unanimously.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Jill McGuire announced we have no unfinished business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Jill McGuire read an email sent by Frank Varney (author/professor and public speaker) to the Borough Administrator and Land Use Board, regarding the destruction of the Emerson Borough Hall. In his email Frank Varney shared his past memories of living in Emerson and the Emerson Borough Hall.
- Jill McGuire introduced guest speaker, Bill Neumann, Chairman of the Bergen County Historic Preservation Advisory Board. His board is responsible for the accommodation awards and administering the intake of grant proposals. Mr. Neuman spoke about his experiences in his role with the Bergen County Historic Preservation Advisory Board.

**Subjects Covered:**

- National Register and the Emerson Borough Hall and the history related to it, including the WPA and the murals.
- He suggested we register the WPA Emerson Borough Hall murals on WPA.murals.com Exemplify both artists.
- Reevaluate our Historic Site Survey from the 80's (Mr. Neuman will provide the survey to the EHSP Committee)
- Garden State Trust Fund Grants. How do they work? Mr. Neuman and the Bergen County Historic Preservation Advisory can assist us with learning what they offer and how to apply.
- Sears homes located in Emerson.

- Jill McGuire spoke about photo donation from Emerson resident and photographer Thomas Moorehead. Photos' will be scanned and added to the Emerson Historical Archives.

#### IX. REPORTS

- Frances Varoli gave her findings regarding publishing. She prefers Arcadia over Staples. Staples is more costly and the quality from Arcadia is much better. Jill will speak to our liason to get the book going.
- Jill McGure gave her report on a Historic Element in the Master Plan. Mayor and council are starting to move forward with some of the goals. Jill will work with our future Liason.
  - There was discussion related to the Reexamination report.
  - Frances Varoli spoke about the Emerson Golf Course sale.
- WWI Centennial Event on November 30th. Jim Tobin is letting us use some of his WWI items from his personal collection.
- Jill will be meeting with Paul Capuzzo who is also lending us some of his WWI artifacts from his personal collection.
- Jill McGuire gave a brief report on the recent Vietnam War Event featuring personal artifacts and photos from Vietnam War Veteran, Jim Tobin's collection. About 25 people attended the event at the library and then at the Emerson Senior Center.

#### X.PUBLIC COMMENT

■ **Motion** to open the floor to public comment was **moved** by Frances Varoli **seconded** by Tony Basile and carried unanimously.

■ **Motion** to close the floor to public comment was **moved** by Tony Basile **seconded** by Marie Castrovillari and carried unanimously.

#### XI.RESOLUTION

NA

#### XII.ADJOURNMENT

■ **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. was **moved** by Marie Castrovillari, **seconded** by Tony Basile and carried.