

CHILI HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

APPROVED MINUTES

Jan. 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Bonnie Moore (Chair), Linda Hamilton, (secretary), Phil Supernault, Michael Tata, Rona Pearce, Melissa Pernesky, Peter Widener, Mary Sperr, (Town Board Liaison)

Welcome to Melissa Pernesky, our newest board member!

Corrections and approving of Nov. 19 minutes. The November 19 minutes were reviewed. Peter moved that the minutes be approved with corrections. Rona seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Barn Book Review: All the barn books are gone!

We have five books which were not picked up by barn owners. Linda will call Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Hitchings and take one to Glenn Schneider. Peter will call Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Klenmann. R J Schickler's can be put in his mailbox. We will pursue the location of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ranieri's.

We have been given permission from Supervisor Dunning to have our second printing. Phil moved that we reprint an additional 100 books at the quoted price of RJ Printing. Peter seconded it and the motion carried. Rocky agreed to allow us to make corrections to addresses of barns with no additional cost.

Landmark Homes and Recognition awards:

Jerry Fuhrman spoke with Bonnie regarding landmark status of their Greek revival one-and-a-half story family-owned home on Paul Rd. If the Fuhrmans would like to submit pictures of some special feature in the home, they could do so. We do not need to go inside the home in order to give it Landmark Status. They could review a pamphlet on the process and speak to others in the Landmark District. The status of this honor fosters civic pride. Bonnie will write a letter to the Fuhrmans discussing the possibility of going ahead with this honor. She will send a copy of the letter to our board for editing before sending it to the Fuhrmans.

When Bonnie writes a news article, she could include positive benefits of being in the Preservation District to inspire interest in the community.

Carole Thoms , 122 Stryker Rd., will be out of town in February. We could go to see her home in March. Bonnie will check to see if Saturday afternoon, Mar. 9 or Mar. 16 will be good for us to visit.

Nicole Sanza's home, 550 Paul Rd., has an enclosed front porch which takes away from the fact that it was a one-room schoolhouse. According to our policy, once a home has been placed in landmark status, changes may not be made to the outside face of the home which is visible from the road. However, if the change was already made before the home was given landmark status, then this rule does not apply.

Glenna Osborne's home in Clifton was a one-room school house. The cupola may have been removed.

Updated Application for Landmark Status:

The application for Landmark Status needs a new town logo. Mary will send the current application to Linda who will forward it to the board for review and suggestions.

We discussed giving the Testa Barn, 3498 Chili Ave., a Recognition Award. Phil moved that we present a Recognition Award to John Testa before May 1, 2013. Mike seconded the motion. This could include a nice picture and part of the information from our barn book. We can contact any of the family to make provisions for the award presentation. Phil will create the certificate. Phil amended the date of the motion to June 1. Michael seconded the amendment. The motion passed.

Phil suggested that the Recognition Awards could be expanded to include cemeteries, new buildings, or other nicely maintained town properties which feature town history.

Chili Fest Guided Tour

We discussed possibilities for a guided tour of the historic areas of Chili. The tour could take place during the July 4th Chili Fest. It could start in North Chili at the college, include the Stagecoach Inn, Streeters Inn, etc. and end at the Cobblestone School House. We can use the Senior Citizen Bus. Rona told of former tours which were self-driven or used hired buses. The Chili Fest committee would set up the tour. We would do the guiding on the bus. Online registration would help us to know what size bus we would need. We could advertise in the spring newsletter. We could have a pamphlet if people wanted to go to the stops in their own vehicles. The beginning of the tour would be at Chili Center and return there after the tour. Detailed handouts could be given to folks. Each location could have a person to give a short history. It needs to be well organized. The tour guide on the bus would point out Chili history in passing (i.e. Cemeteries) which would not be a bus stop. We will discuss this at another meeting.

Michael moved that the meeting be adjourned and Bonnie seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hamilton, secretary