

Tuckerton Historic Preservation Advisory Commission

March 6, 2019

Keegan Vreeland called the Tuckerton Historic Preservation Advisory Commission meeting to order on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 7:01 PM in borough hall.

Open Public Meeting Act Statement: *“Provisions of the open public meeting act have been complied with, as notice was published to the Beacon and Asbury Park Press, stating the time, date, and place of this meeting.”*

Roll Call / Attendance

Barbara Brojack	X	Tom McAndrew	A
Doris Mathisen	X	Keegan Vreeland	X
Frank D’Amore, liaison/non-voting	X	Keith Vreeland	X
Neil Saunders	X		

Also present at this meeting was Mayor Sue Marshall.

Keegan Vreeland led the salute to the flag.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the February 2019 meeting of the Tuckerton Historic Preservation Advisory Commission were circulated. Neil Saunders made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Keith Vreeland. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Logged Hours: Landmarks Commission recognizes their member’s donation of time and knowledge for studies and research along with attendance of the monthly meetings and available workshops / seminars for the month of February 2019.

Barbara Brojack	1.5 (mnths)	Tom McAndrew	A
Doris Mathisen	3	Keegan Vreeland	6
Neil Saunders	2	Keith Vreeland	3

Old Business:

Tuckerton website: All current member biographies and photos have been posted to the Tuckerton Borough website, with the exception Frank D’Amore and Neil Saunders. The web

administrator reminds the Commission that events and special notices may be added to the website and Facebook page at the discretion of the Commission.

Facebook page: No new members were added this month. 48 total members to date.

Town Clock: No updates. Project to be tabled until such time as an alternate site is selected.

CLG/Grant Opportunities/Historic Properties:

Historic Properties: Keegan noted that there have been no updates to the historic property inventory, and that site visits by the commission and historic architect are needed to review the properties recommended for inclusion by the Historical Society. Neil Saunders asked Doris to reach out to the Society to let them know we are in the CLG process, which is the reason for delaying the review of these properties.

CLG application: Keegan is reviewing the application and how it relates to our new Ordinance. He needs Tom McAndrew's response to his request for member's professional qualifications (email sent 2/19/19) and tenure on the Commission. Once he has those pieces completed, he will send everything to Jonathan Kinney at the State for review to ensure that our members meet the requirements for an Advisory Board.

As our newest member, Neil asked about the CLG process. Keith explained that if all is in place and meets Jonathan's approval, we may have our CLG in place by summertime, pending approval by the State.

New Business:

No new business, pending CLG application status

Committee Reports:

No Committee Reports

Members Forum:

Neil Saunders revisited his question from the last meeting, of how people may become more involved in historic preservation on the local level without Commission-level commitment, as he has two people in mind should opportunities arise.

Doris recommended inviting them to a Commission meeting. Barbara notes that Beach Haven holds workshops and classes on the subject. We are not at that level just yet, but are working toward that goal. Keegan added that once the CLG is in place, grants for workshops and such will follow.

Doris asked if it might be time to share information regarding our bid for CLG status to our Facebook page. Barbara suggested we wait.

Public Forum:

Mayor Marshall noted that Jonathan Kinney at the State has a list serve (email distribution list for State-level information on historic preservation) that all members should be subscribed to. Neil mentioned he is not, yet. Jennie will reach out to Jonathan to request that he be added. Workshops of interest are listed on the website and emailed to members.

Barbara noted that from her understanding, Beach Haven got a lot of resistance from the public at first, with regard to preservation efforts, but now everyone is on board. Everyone was afraid of being dictated to, but when that didn't happen, everyone became very supportive.

Mayor Marshall said the Historical Society is definitely on board with the CLG application and wish to help. Communication has been steady.

Keith said that once we get the CLG designation, a simple brochure mailer, at least to historic properties, will drum up interest. He added that Caselli at Mullica Twp is involved with the Society. He met him recently and found him to be a wealth of knowledge.

Neil suggested a house tour at Christmastime. Keegan agreed, this would be a great addition to the Old Town Christmas celebrations. Keith added that this could extend the evening-only event to a longer one. Doris is on the committee for the event and can work between the groups. Mayor Marshall loved the idea, stating that it may draw interest to the Commission, also. Keith added that it would be a great idea to tie into events at the Seaport, and draw more foot traffic into town.

Keith reported that Mayor Marshall joined him and Keegan at the Jersey Friendly Yards native plant workshop sponsored by the Environmental Commission. This led to a discussion about landscaping for historic properties, and tree lined streets.

Neil said the people on his block really miss the oak-lined streets of the past. Pear trees grow fast and die young; Rutgers suggested dogwoods as a more sustainable option. They flower in spring, are green all season, and are slowing growing. Six neighbors of his would be on board with being the launch/testing block for this initiative, if undertaken.

Mayor Marshall states that John Bethanis monitors the Borough's trees.

Keith said that streetscape consistency would make a huge difference in the appearance of our town. Consistent signage, landscaping too. Mayor Marshall noted that the Jersey Friendly Yards group applied for another grant and would love to work with the Borough. She recommended selecting one street to roll out a local, sustainable plantings project.

Frank mentioned that in past years, the Borough had offered awards and plaques for Prettiest Yard and other superlatives. He suggested the Commission could sponsor historic preservation awards, tie in local planting and landscaping. Keegan suggested we consider sponsoring a plaque, given along with a \$100 gift card to a local business. Mayor Marshall and Neil both recommended civic-minded businesses who might be willing to donate.

Invoice: Doris Mathisen moved, seconded by Neil Saunders, to pay the invoice of \$75.00 to Secretary Jennifer McEwan for Secretarial Services for the month of March 2019. It was so moved with unanimous member consent via roll call.

Adjournment: To close this meeting Barbara Brojack motioned, seconded by Keith Vreeland. The motion was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer McEwan, Tuckerton Landmarks Commission Secretary