

Tuckerton Landmarks Commission

November 7, 2018

Barbara Brojack called the Tuckerton Landmarks Commission meeting to order on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 7:06 PM in old 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	Absent
Doris Mathisen, Member/Liaison	X	Keegan Vreeland	X

Also present at this meeting were Mayor Sue Marshall; Pat Johnson, curator at the Tuckerton Historical Society; and Keith Vreeland.

Barbara Brojack led the salute to the flag.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the September 2018 meeting of the Tuckerton Landmarks Commission were circulated. Keegan Vreeland made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Doris Mathisen. 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 months of September and October, 2018.

Barbara Brojack	2	Tom McAndrew	A
Doris Mathisen	5	Keegan Vreeland	2

Public Forum:

Pat Johnson, curiator at the Tuckerton Historical Society, was welcome by Barbara Brojack. She shared a newspaper clipping from 1996 regarding the history and renovation (thanks to a

\$150,000 grant received at the time) of the Gristmill property. The clipping has been shared with all members.

Pat also discussed the parking issue in the downtown corridor of Main Street. Keith Vreeland noted that the town Master Plan addresses parking, both on-street and in the connected lots behind East Main Street. Signage to direct vehicles to convenience parking is also in the plan. He would also like to see the State-mandated speed limit in this zone dropped to 25mph, which would allow for additional on-street parking disallowed at higher speeds, and also allow vehicular traffic to better see the businesses they are passing by and planned parking signage and other changes. As has been proven in other downtowns, this would make for a more pedestrian-friendly downtown, and also lead to increased visitation of local businesses by through traffic, as it forces drivers to slow down and pay attention.

Keegan Vreeland noted that Hammonton's Main Street (Bellview Avenue) has excelled with this plan in recent years.

Barbara Brojack asked which businesses in particular would draw people in.

Keith Vreeland mentioned several existing businesses and partnerships where the owners are investing heavily in the present and future of Tuckerton's downtown. He also said that if efforts moving forward are focused on making the downtown area pedestrian-friendly and also offer easy parking for drivers, it will drive further economic development. We currently have several vacant storefronts that could house thriving businesses. As we become more business friendly, and have access to grant programs that incentivize historic restoration and the opening of new businesses, storefront rentals and purchases will increase, and first floor apartments may also be converted into additional storefronts.

Grant Opportunities/CLG/Historic Properties:

Barbara spoke to Jonathan Kinney at the state, who is awaiting receipt of the new ordinance and our CLG application. Keith Vreeland will ask Jenny Gleghorn to upload the new ordinance to the Tuckerton website. The latest Master Plan must also be made available to share with Jonathan. Barbara and Doris Mathisen will make a start on the CLG application, completing what they are able, and forward to Keith Vreeland.

The next step is to have the updated survey added to the budget and completed. Keith Vreeland recommended that the Commission request \$2,500 to engage the services of a

consultant to expedite this part of the process. The updated map may cost \$20,000 but if that can be given as a loan, it may be paid back in the form of grants for streetscaping, open spaces, etc.

Old Business:

Tuckerton website: All members were asked to send their biography and photo to Commission secretary Jennie McEwan prior to the next meeting. A list of questions to be answered will be sent with December's meeting announcement, agenda and minutes.

Facebook page: No new members were added this month. 49 total members to date.

Town Clock: There have been no updates with regard to the Commission's request to use county land at the corner of Route 9 and North Green Street to house a town clock. The commission agreed that it may be best to consider alternative locations rather than delay this project indefinitely. Two locales that were discussed were at Water Street and Main and at the site of old Borough Hall, either of which could be part of a larger project to draw pedestrian traffic to the center of town.

New Business:

No new business

Members Forum:

Barbara Brojack congratulated Mayor Sue Marshall and her recently re-elected team. Keith noted that outgoing council member Doris Mathisen will be sorely missed.

The Landmarks Commission is currently seeking new members. Per the new ordinance, the Commission should be comprised of at least 5 members, plus one alternate and a Land Use liaison. Keith Vreeland has offered his guidance until such time as a historic architect is seated on the Commission. All interested parties should send a letter of interest to Mayor Sue Marshall. A notice has been posted on the Facebook page. The Commission has identified three potential Historic Preservation Advisory Commission candidates.

Invoice: Doris Mathisen moved, seconded by Keegan Vreeland, to pay the invoice of \$75.00 to Secretary Jennifer McEwan for Secretarial Services for the month of November 2018. It was so moved with unanimous member consent via roll call.

Adjournment: To close this meeting Keegan Vreeland motioned, seconded by Doris Mathisen. The motion was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer McEwan, Tuckerton Landmarks Commission Secretary