

Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes for the April 9, 2008 Meeting

In Attendance: Tom Robbins, Kim Arestad, Diane Knispel, & Chris Greimel

1. First order of business was electing a Chair and a Secretary. Tom Robbins was nominated, Chris Greimel made the motion, Diane Knispel seconded the motion. Tom Robbins was made the Chair of the Historic Commission. Diane Knispel was nominated to be Secretary, Tom Robbins made the motion, Chris Greimel seconded. Diane Knispel was made the Secretary of the Historic Commission.
2. The Members of the Commission went over what needs to be done in order to become an active commission. It was decided that the group needed to get common criteria for the historic homes in town. Diane Knispel suggested the survey book on historic homes in Allendale written by the Bergen County Historic Sites Survey in the 1980's as a start. She will get the copy from the library for the next meeting. It was also suggested that more research may need to be done on homes that didn't make the survey back in 1980, but might make an historic survey today.
3. Kim Arestad suggested making the ordinance first so that the Historic Commission has something to work with in the future. Without an ordinance, the commission will not be able to do much. Making an ordinance was suggested to her by the Mayor in previous conversations. The Commission decided to look at Closter's ordinance as an example. Kim Arestad will type up a draft of Allendale's Ordinance, and she will take it to Mayor Barra and David Bole (Borough attorney) for review.
4. The members of the Commission felt that an historic district in town may not be possible, but the houses elected would be scattered throughout the town.
5. Diane Knispel reported on Certified Local Governments (CLG), what they are, what they can do, and how to become a CLG. A benefit of becoming a CLG is that grants are awarded to them for special historic projects. She is waiting for an application from the State Historic Preservation Office, and will bring the application to the next meeting for further review.
6. Kim Arestad reported the update on the Fell House.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Knispel