

Historic Commission Meeting on May 14, 2008

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

The Commission discussed the minutes from last month and approved them. Diane will send them to Gwen McCarthy, the Borough Clerk, by e-mail.

The Commission discussed meeting with the Land Use Committee in town on May 23rd. This meeting will be to go over the proposed historic preservation ordinance. Tom Robbins and Kim Arestad will represent the Commission.

The Commission went over briefly the CLG application that Diane Knispel brought to the meeting. One of the good things about becoming a CLG is that the Commission could apply for grants for surveys on historic homes or other things needed. Since it is really a document that needs to be read before it can be discussed, it was decided that everyone would read and discuss it at next month's meeting.

Diane Knispel made copies of the Bergen County Historic Survey that was done by Bergen County Office of Cultural and Historic Affairs in the 1980's. The book has listed the historic homes in town and information that was gathered on those homes' histories. Diane had contacted T. Robbins Brown from the Bergen County Office and asked questions about updating the survey. The Commission is worried that a few of the homes in town may have been excluded in the 1980's because they were not historic at the time, but would be today. T. Robbins Brown told her that the survey is being updated town by town. When they did this back in the 1980's, the office had five full-time members working on it. Today, due to budget cuts, they have one part-time person working on the survey. Allendale is not expected to be done for a few years. Therefore, the Commission has three options:

1. Hire a consultant to update the survey.
2. Do the survey themselves.
3. Wait until the office gets to Allendale.

The Commission decided to start the process and see where it leads. There will be a walk scheduled for Saturday, May 24, 2008 at 1PM. The Commission will start with the historic homes on the survey and see if they have retained their historic value, if they have been altered, or if they have

been demolished. The Commission will take notes, and from there, the Commission can proceed to the next step.

Diane Knispel will come up with the route to be done on Saturday.

The Commission will talk about the following things at next month's meeting:

1. The meeting with the Land Use Committee and the Historic Preservation Ordinance.
2. The CLG application.
3. The site survey of the historic homes in town.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Knispel