ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 2008

Present: David Scholz, John Kashwick, Richard Ryan, Mary Mayer, Arthur Goldberg, Steve Isaacson and Bobbie Goldberg representing the Closter Historic Preservation Commission

Commenced: 8 pm

Review Minutes - 6/17 meeting
Mary Mayer suggested that we include a brief description of the application with the building plan’s address. John Kashwick motioned to approve minutes. Motion was seconded and approved.

New Business:

1. Blanch Avenue Bridge – Dave and Bill Dahle (Closter DPW) checked out possible site to see what type of bridge could be built there before discussing project with the Borough of Norwood. This project would be a joint venture of the boroughs of Closter and Norwood and could be funded by a joint application for a grant. Arthur, Mary and I will be the “sub-committee”. Our goal is to meet with Norwood’s Environmental Commission to discuss possible building sites and costs for the bridge, in order to begin the commitment process. A motion was made by Dave Scholz, seconded and approved.

2. NJDEP has put up a website showing all contaminated sites in NJ and to assist in answering questions about contaminated sites in our communities.
   [www.nj.gov/dep/srp/kscnj/](http://www.nj.gov/dep/srp/kscnj/)

3. Copies of minutes of Closter M&C meetings are available.

4. Bobbie Goldberg offered to keep a scrapbook of articles relevant to the Closter Environmental Commission.

Old Business:

1. Cross Closter Trail – Richard Ryan; Richard, Mary, Steve and Tim Blunt (artist) toured the trails on Sunday and decided that kiosks, large main trail entrance signs, smaller trail map signs and trail markers were needed. Tim was there to get a feel for our Cross Closter Trail project, so that he could submit a bid for the project.

2. It was suggested that we invite the Closter Historic Preservation Committee to participate in the Historic aspect of the Cross-Closter Trail.

3. The Mayor & Council decided to switch manufacturer for the bridge. The bridge will be manufactured to the same specs as the other manufacturer was going to use. Motion was made to give Boswell our approval to make that switch, It was seconded and passed.

4. MacBain/Buzzoni – Mary Mayer: A discussion was had with John McCaffrey regarding the construction of a barn at the farm. It was suggested that the barn be
located closer to Hickory than at the rear portion of the property, in order to keep the barn and related activities away from the neighboring residences. The Closter Historic Preservation Society has located a historic Dutch barn that could be used for the MacBain Farm’s barn. They will get us the dimensions of that barn. A subcommittee comprising of 2 members from each commission will be formed.

5. 2007 Landmark Tree Signs are up! We need to identify 4 trees for 2008 Landmark Tree designation. Steve suggested that these trees should be located on or near our Cross-Borough trails.

6. There will be a Pond Weed Wacking Day at the Closter Nature Center on August 9th. Everyone is invited to participate.

Plans:

277 Herbert Avenue, Block - 1306 Lots 1 & 2;

1. dumpsters
2. usage (adequate parking?)
3. rear fire escape – plantings block escape pathway.
4. short on open space