ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
June 17, 2008

Present: John Kashwick, Beth Ravit, David Scholz, Richard Ryan, Adrienne Isacoff, Jayanthi Ramaswamy and Bobbie Goldberg representing the Closter Historic Preservation Commission

Commenced: 8:10 P.M.

Old Business:

1. Open Space Projects To Request Funding
   a. $40,000.00 additional funding for Mac Bain Farm
   b. Creation of wetlands meadow on Anderson Avenue Trail- $6,000
   c. Clean up of sites- gloves and bags- $1,000
   d. Digital map of all existing trails in Closter. Format to be transferable to brochure for distribution to borough residents- $1,500
   e. Historic Trees signage, 2008-2009- $1,200
   f. Sign for Flamm Property (match style of other parkland signs)- $2,200
   g. Enclosure for Mac Bain Farm bee hives as required by ordinance- $1,400
   h. Four benches constructed of recycled materials, matching other Mac Bain Farm recycled benches- $2,000
   i. Handicap paver walkway through rose garden to lookout at Mac Bain farm- $3,200
2. Proceed with securing either a new barn or locating an existing barn to relocate to Mac Bain Farm
3. Set up meeting with Bill Dalhe to grade Blanch Avenue as part of trail grant.
4. Trail board walk from 2006 grant has been installed
5. Copy of actual Historic Tree Sign exhibited. Signs are printed on aluminum plate. Need to meet with homeowners to determine actual final location of signage.
6. Commission to verify that grant extensions were actually sent to originating granters.
7. DPW has requested approval to paint crosswalks on High Street and Demarest Avenue. Crosswalks are part of the Cross Closter Trail. Approval has not yet been received. Removal a section of guard rail at the intersection of Evert Street and Durie Avenue was denied. This is the entrance to a portion of the trail and the entrance will need to be extended another 25 feet up Durie Avenue.
8. Two benches and one picnic table made of recycled material has been ordered by the borough. These benches and table are being paid for from the Open Space Fund and was requested in 2007.
9. Signage for the Cross Closter Trail will be refined by the Trails Sub-committee.

New Business:
1. Set up meeting with John McCaffrey to discuss converting the Mac Bain farm to an completely organic farm

2. Fall harvest children’s festival at Mac Bain farm on October 18th (Saturday) from 4:30Pm till 7:30 PM. Bonfire, cider and toasted marshmallows. Investigate if we can secure a story teller.

3. Norwood Environmental Commission to be sought out concerning possible bridge spanning the Dwarskill. The Meadowlands Conservation Trust is also needed for these discussions.

4. Commission agreed to man a table at the Boroughs Labor Day Event. Plans are to disburse information concerning recycling, green component to the Master Plan, possibly disbursing of cloth shopping bags. A table may be set up during the Closter Sidewalk Sale to explain the green component of the Master Plan

5. Mac Bain Farm quarterly report was given to the Commission. Expenses remain modest. Report will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council as soon as possible.

**Building Plans:**

1. North Star Road
2. 280 Herbert Avenue
3. 29 Hawthorne Terrace
4. 9 Pine Hill Road

Meeting adorned: 10:35 PM