

MINUTES
March 12, 2008

Kennett Historical Commission
Borough of Kennett Square

A. Call to order

1. 7:03 PM

B. Present

1. Dan Maffei, Bob Korn, Linda Irwin, Laura Jackson, Prissy Roberts, Carla Willard.

C. Visitors

1. Kevin Ciancia - 113 S. Broad Street
2. Tanya Innes – 240 Center Street

D. Minutes

1. The minutes of 2/13/08 were approved as written with one correction. The contractor was Bill Dunleavy not Jim.

E. Treasurer's Report

1. Carla reported a balance of \$8,462.50.
2. Total income for Jan. 1-Mar. 12: \$1,069.19
3. Total expenses for Jan. 1 – Mar. 12: \$1,553.05

F. Lecture Series

1. Laura reported the next Lecture Series “Lay It Out” will be presented by Dan Maffei on March 27 at 7 PM at the Borough Building. Harrington’s will provide the refreshments.

G. Holiday Home Tour

1. The Episcopal Church has been added to the list of Holiday Home Tour stops. The image design of the Home Tour posters and flyers has been purchased for \$100.00.

H. HELP Meeting

1. HELP meets the 4th Tuesday of each month. The thrust of the group from this point is for self-reliance. Funding for the East Linden Street Project expires in 2010.

I. Grant Money

1. The KSHC applied for a \$6000.00 Mushroom Festival grant. The Commission was awarded \$1500.00 to go toward a bronze Historic Marker sign at the southern entrance to town.

J. 240 Center Street – Tanya Innes

1. Tanya presented pictures of her home showing that half the house had vinyl windows and the other half did not. The Commission made a motion to approve the window replacement application. The motion was unanimously carried.

K. 113 South Broad Street – Kevin Ciancia (purchased property in 1999)

1. Mr. Ciancia’s letter of March 10, 2008 addressed to Kennett Square Borough for the Demolition of the out-building at the NE corner of the property was presented to the members of the Commission. Dan Maffei reviewed the Borough’s Demolition Ordinance at the meeting. Under 905 B 1e, the applicant had not addressed 3, 4, and 5. In reply to a question asked Mr. Ciancia as to whether he had done anything to preserve the out-building such as routine maintenance, prevention of water infiltration, and rotting in the last 5 years, Mr. Ciancia replied he had done nothing in the last five years. The report of the engineering group of Long, Tann & D’Onofrio, Inc. did not say it is impossible to repair the building through stabilization and replacement. The applicant was asked to write a statement demonstrating what it would cost to fix up the building and rent it vs. its demolition. He was also asked to prove that the finances required to restore the building couldn’t be recouped by adaptive reuse. The Commission denied the application but asked the applicant to supply these answers for the next meeting.

L. 216 South Broad Street – Marlene Drewes

1. Marlene was asked to research the cost of alternative roofing materials for the slate porch roof replacement. It was found that the alternative materials were more expensive than the 30-year fiberglass shingles chosen and ½ of the roof was already asphalt. A motion was made and passed to approve Marlene Drewes' application for fiberglass shingles on the porch roof as written on her application form to the Borough.

M. Town Tours & Village Walks

1. Dan reported that the Borough has been approved for June 19th.

N. Preservation Award Criteria

1. The criteria for the Historic Preservation Award was adopted as amended. (See attached)

O. Old Business

1. None

P. New Business

1. Dan met with a realtor to discuss the possibility of making the local industry more aware of preservation through trade postings, articles in newspapers and writing letters to new homeowners.
2. Laura reported that 33 plaques will be needed for the homes on East Linden Street. She brought up the idea of a Road Rally fundraiser--either driving or walking--to historic homes collecting items along the way. Prizes could include a weekend in St. Michaels or other vacation spot. October 18th was chosen as a possible date for the fundraiser. Laura will bring an outline for discussion at the next meeting.

Q. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Prissy Roberts