

Westwood Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes
November 17, 2011

Attendees: Beth Staples, Linda Salib, Councilwoman Cynthia Waneck, George Mulhauser, and consultant, Gregory Dietrich

Absent: Peter Von Bradsky, Anne Costello

The Westwood Historic Preservation Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 2011 at 7:45pm in the Westwood Municipal Complex.

The minutes of the October 12, 2011 meeting were approved as corrected.

Councilwoman Waneck reported on the procedure for the Mayor and Council to adopt an ordinance incorporating the Jefferson Avenue Historic District Designation Report into the Master Plan.

Discussion then ensued on the draft Westwood Avenue Historic District Designation Report as prepared by our consultant, Gregory Dietrich.

We are still searching for architect/builder information on the Westwood Avenue buildings. Linda Salib had been told that any building with diamond point cinder blocks probably had the blocks manufactured by Bogert. It was noted that Goodwin (who built Goodwin Park) was also a local builder.

Gregory was at the New York Public Library and made copies of the 1914, 1921, 1928, and 1928-29 Sandborn maps. He will cross-reference them with our information as to building uses.

Discussion ensued on the 1939 bowling alley on Broadway, tennis courts on Center Avenue, and the country club that was just across the stream in Hillsdale on Westwood Avenue.

Gregory had questions regarding the boundaries for the Westwood Avenue Historic District and the Veterans' Park Historic District. It was decided to use Broadway as the dividing line between the two districts. Cindy will ask the Borough Construction Department to pull the cards for the Westwood Avenue properties. Linda showed various maps from the Heritage Society's archives, and members compared current photos to those in the archives.

The 1897 Oddfellows Hall which became Volz hardware is the southerly most building in the Westwood Avenue Historic District.

It was decided that Gregory did not need to attend our December meeting at which the Commission will review his updated report. The Commission will seek to give notice to property owners in January and hold its public meeting in February.

A motion to adjourn at 8:45pm by made by Councilwoman Waneck and seconded by George Mulhauser.