

***HISTORIC COMMISSION***  
**February 4, 2026**

<b><u>ATTENDANCE:</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
<u>Phyllis Angelo</u>	X	
<u>Eric Model</u>	X	
<u>James Hoogstrate</u>	X	
<u>Andrew Golden</u>	X	
<u>Deborah Powell</u>		X
<u>Archivist Tyler Manuele</u>		X
<u>Katelyn Nippes, Student Liaison</u>	X	
<u>Liaison Priti Dhariwal</u>		X

PHYLLIS ANGELO: The next meeting is February 24<sup>th</sup>. Advised Eric is working with the Fire Chief regarding the sign for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the REFD pertaining to the history of the fire department. Questioned Jim if there is any news on YouTube.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Stated there is nothing out of the ordinary, but they do have a lot of views. Advised people love to see old River Edge from the 1980's and earlier. Brought in an old coin press from the bicentennial that depicted River Edge Steel and the Steuben House.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised they are going to put off doing the historic designation until after the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Questioned Jim and Eric about the QR Codes.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Advised they did 8 streets and they plan to do more.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if anything is being done on the wayfinding?

ERIC MODEL: Stated he has been speaking with Deborah and an interim proposal will be coming from New Bridge Landing.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she meant to ask Lissette how much is left in the budget, as she believes it is \$1600.

ERIC MODEL: Advised an Ad Hoc Committee has been set up for the 250<sup>th</sup> but was told this Committee is a sub-committee under Historic Preservation. Stated 250<sup>th</sup> Committee wanted the Mayor and Council to be aware that if any events came forward there would be money available and the Historic Commission is not doing it as they are yielding to New Bridge Landing for the big events, but they want some presence. Phyllis put a line item in the Commission's budget but they also made an informal budget application for the 250<sup>th</sup> Committee for what they thought would be some activities. Advised since the 250<sup>th</sup> is under the Historic Commission, he was told they can use their budget, which is why he is bringing it to this Commission in case there is something they are looking to purchase with the \$1600 before it is used elsewhere.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised what was included in the 2026 budget was the archivist, the QR Codes, the 15 banners and asked for \$7450.00 because of the additional items this year. Questioned Katelyn if she interviewed any teachers.

KATELYN NIPPES: Stated she does not know who is retiring yet, but she will ask around.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric if there are any updates on Facebook.

ERIC MODEL: Advised he has been posting and getting stories back. Stated Gregg Cariddi found some old pictures that he sent him.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned what is happening with the Murals project they wanted to do with New Milford and are they sharing their oral history project.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: No.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated Tyler is still working on digitizing the archives. Questioned Jim if they are going to be interviewing Chief Walker for the oral history.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Advised they are both busy and possibly once they get the new equipment it would be easier.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised the River Edge Cultural Center is hosting the traveling exhibit of the 250<sup>th</sup> and they have to pick up the panels.

ERIC MODEL: Stated Chief Walker and Rob Schlossberg said they will pick it up and make sure it is installed.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if she is allowed to video tape the 250<sup>th</sup> exhibit.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Stated he does not believe it would be a problem recording it, however its not a bad idea to ask first.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned what type of support the 250<sup>th</sup> Committee needs.

ERIC MODEL: Stated this Commission is working on the 250<sup>th</sup> by refreshing the archives, the community memory project and the QR Codes are all a part of it and the blue sign for the old bridge

project and the wayfinding program. The kickoff event is taking place on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the River Edge Library from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Suggested the Commission help with the 250<sup>th</sup> if there are missing gaps.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned how the businesses can support the 250<sup>th</sup>.

ERIC MODEL: Stated there needs to be a special Resolution by the Mayor and Council.

KATELYN NIPPES: Stated the School Interact Club is a community service club and the students are always looking for community service hours and easily can get volunteers from there.

ERIC MODEL: Advised he has 2 volunteers and was hoping for the community credits, but they don't have that this year. Stated they do not have a budget for events for the 250<sup>th</sup>, but want a presence, such as the tree planting, the fun run and certain other events throughout the year.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised the Traveling Exhibit dates are October 10<sup>th</sup> through October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The 250 Committee will help with the setup and takedown of the Exhibit. Stated she will be getting in touch with Sophia from the State to find the next convenient time the 250 Exhibit will be in Bergen County.

Next Meeting will be in Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting ended.

