

Van Riper House Trust Meeting July 11, 2019

Business Meeting Attendance:

Dante Intindola – President
John Demmer - VP
Barbara Davide - Treasurer
Janice Fraser
John Simko
Alan Ballester
Patti Williams
Marion Butler - Secretary
Maryann Lauber
Meredith Blank
Dennis Dries
Betty Dries

Meeting called to order 7:04 PM

Approve meeting minutes from June 11, 2019 – minutes approved as read

Treasury

Barbara Davide – Spencer Savings bank paperwork with Barbara a primary signee and Dante as secondary signee. Bylaw says checks must be signed by Treasurer and countersigned by the President. Propose amendment at meeting to change Article 5, Section 1, Treasurer or President or VP can signed, single signer. Proposed by Ms. Lauber, Ms. Davide seconded it, approved unanimously.

Alarm system – issue with dialer, Verizon needs to be contacted.

Mr. Indindola, Mr. Simko, Mr. Demmer to meet with Commissioner Tucci to discuss lease renewal August 14, 2019.

Roof

Mr. Demmer: Will have 4 roof quotes – 3 quotes in, 1 pending

Sidebar with Mr. Intindola: Bob Craig admin for NJ Historic Preservation Committee – when house was listed as eligible, it had plain asphalt roof, which

means if we went with a regular roof, they can't decline historic recognition. If we already had historic preservation, then the order of preference is wood shake, then composite.

No salvaging possible of the existing roof. Underlayment keeping it safe, but underlayment may not be able to be pulled, which means they have to replace the whole plywood for the warranty. Nails disintegrating. We have quotes for removing underlayment.

Quote 1:

American Roofing – Michael DeRosa –

-dimensional asphalt shingle – \$19,980

-Da Vinci shake – composite, non-rotting, looks and feels like wood, closest thing that anyone makes that looks like wood, approved by many Historic Preservation Boards - \$46,980

-Removing plywood would be \$11,000 additional

Want to double check that he has hit all the needs, and that he is certified to install shake

RJW –

-dimensional asphalt shingle – \$41,000

-composite -\$62,000

-Removing plywood would be \$11,000 additional

-If plywood can be saved, would be \$1000-2000 more for the labor

Roof4Roof –

-asphalt - \$28,000

-composite quote pending

No mention if plywood has to be changed, it would be \$75 per sheet

Bill Baile – quote pending, recommends DaVinci shake roof

All quoted roofs will have 40-50 year warranties

Roof is technically water tight right now, so we don't have to rush on this

Basement

Moisture problem, need to replace two fans as soon as possible as that can compromise the structure of the first floor of the beams. This is more urgent than the roof and need to address over the next couple weeks.

Windows

Majority were put in, but 3-4 windows that were purchased years ago were disposed of many years ago by company where windows were purchased.

Paint needed garage door, front porch – improve curb appeal

Van Riper Family

Mr. Intindola met with direct descendant of Van Riper, Chris Shockford (sp). He does a lot of genealogical history for interrelated families. Right now house dates to 1780, but it may be older. It is plausible that it was 1708. A section of house that no longer exists may date to 1685 and kitchen to 1690. This may be one of oldest homes in NJ which adds a layer of historic significance. He is willing to pay for carbon or tree ring dating in basement to help our case for significance. Abraham Van Riper applied for a tavern license in 1894 so that may be another piece of significance.

Mr. Indindola also in touch with Richard Van Riper, another descendant of the VR family

Board of Directors

Janice Fraser to be added to the Board as Directors, Mr. Demmer made motion, Ms. Davide seconded approved unanimously.

Additional Attendance for Meeting

Kellie Geltrude
Kaitlyn Quinn
Jeana Somers
Meredith Blank
Sal Scarpelli
Judi Negra
John Lee
Anthony Buccino
Rebecca Shulman r

Barbara Hirsch
Vicky Chalk
Allison Krupke

Slideshow Presentation by Mr. Intindola on history of Van Riper House

History

John Bradbury built original structure, his daughter Elizabeth married Abraham Van Riper, which is how house became a part of the Van Riper Family.

Condition of the house

Roof – nails that hold cedar shake roof are rusted, roof repair a priority

Interior is framed out – still water damage, blackened beams from fire

Chimneys in good shape

Windows sealed, need to be repainted

Dining room in good shape

Lot of smoke damage and water damage from putting the fire out

Origin hearth, might carbon date

Basement entrance needs to be sealed to keep rodents out

House structurally sound, needs to be gutted and cleaned up

Five chimneys, 7 fireplaces

Real well, one of oldest wells in NJ

1 acre lot size

Community

Want to involve Cambridge Heights community if possible

Want to organize a clean up day – planting, weed whacking, LED lights

Committees Needed

-Fundraising committee

-Fundraising idea proposed by Jeana Somers – selling engraved bricks for pathways, families can purchase with their names.

-Event committee – plan meaningful and fun events – we did not know what it looked like inside, so we could not re-create. Living museums tend not to do well, so finding an intrinsically useful to community.

- 25th year doing street fair, makes us few grand every year

Online outreach

Seeking donors who are descendants who are invested in early American history

Community Outreach – education – scripts for docents, seeing what other historic homes doing

Grants – not eligible NJ Historic Trust grants yet because lease is less than 15 years – meeting with Mr. Mauro Tucci to discuss

Is the house worth it? YES. It may be the oldest house in Essex County. Express that passion to others and build the membership.

Email contact: vanripernj@mail.com. Can send \$ through PayPal as well,

Meeting adjourned 8:39 pm

Next meeting August 8, 2019