

Public Meeting May, 8, 2012

Malvern Historical Commission members present: Lynne Hockenbury, Joan Stackhouse

Invited Guests: Tom Scofield, Nancy Schmitt

Public attendees: 7 Borough Residents

The same presentation that was given on March 26 was presented to those attending. The only difference was the inclusion of a slide show so that audience members could see the maps.

General questions asked by the public:

Q: Gather information on other municipalities regarding house resale so that there is more understanding of what an Historic Ordinance means for sale of houses

A: There has been a study done that shows that buildings within an Historic District sell an average of 20% higher than those that are not. The HC can put together an information sheet for people to use for house sales once the ordinance is written.

Q: What is the climate of the Borough Council? Will they even consider passing this ordinance?

A: The BC requested the HC to hold these informational sessions to see what the climate of the residents is. The HC feels that if the residents are positive, so will BC.

Q: Is there a proposal for asking property owners to fix properties and will there be a part in the ordinance on demolition by neglect?

A: At the moment, nothing about demolition by neglect has been discussed. The HC would like to see this as a part of the ordinance. The Borough already has the right to condemn buildings.

Q: Why is the Malvern Preparatory School not a part of the "Broad" outline?

A: The group making decisions had less information to go on regarding the Prep School, so it was not included. It can be included as an additional property added to the list that does not fall within the boundary of the Historic District

Q: What does everyone think about this ordinance? Should the HC continue working on this?

A: Yes (unanimous).