

# MIDDLETOWN PRESERVATION BOARD

## Minutes

January 11, 1995

### Present

J. Bianco  
N. Goff  
B. Kronenberger  
R. Santangelo  
J. Fortuna

### Absent

A. Tommasi  
F. Patenaude  
E. Rak-Roberts  
P. Evans

### Also Present

C. Wilcox, staff

Chairman Bianco called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. in Room B15 of the Municipal Building.

**Public Forum:** No one from the Public wished to speak.

**Minutes:** Upon a motion by B. Kronenberger seconded by J.. Fortuna the minutes October 12th were accepted unanimously. R. Santangelo abstained.

### **Review of Endangered Buildings:**

**Pythian Building:** J.Bianco reported no new information had been received, and for staff to contact Ann Street or Tom Ford to see if they have heard from the bank.

**St.Sebastians Convent:** The Board discussed the changing outlook for this building. the church had done a survey of its parish and was looking, again, toward moving it instead of finding an income producing new use for it. Youth Services had ben interested in it, and it was suggested that it may be a good candidate for a group home for girls who cannot stay at home. Chris Marselli had pointed out that the YMCA provides a place for boys, but girls are often taken out of town and ut of school. The Board suggested sending a letter to the Church with some of these ideas.

**Awards:** The Board discussed the 1995 awards and decided to give a special award this year to Ann Street who will be leaving the Greater Middletown Preservation Trust. They did not decide how many buildings to honor, but mentioned a few which had undergone renovation projects in the last two years (and which had not already received an award). These were: deKoven House, Masonic Hall, Odd Fellows Playhouse, & 8 Crescent Street. A more definitive list will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Reorganization:**

C. Wilcox reported that the P & Z downtown plan, when passed envisioned an expanded role for the Middletown Police Building to include design review for any construction in the Historic Districts. She will work with Bill Warner to draft a new ordinance, which would also include three year, staggered terms. This would go through Tim Lynch and the Ordinance Study Committee (2 members of which are on MPB).

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.