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Design standards to cover alternative energy

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – Two members of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) presented new design standard recommendations to city council Tuesday in response to recent developments in alternative energy.

Warren Copeland and Eddie Fontaine said they were recommending three addendums to the design standards for the Historic District, two which were not previously in the standards and one which was a clarification.

‘They are not appropriate in the Historic District.’
–HPC member Warren Copeland on windmills.

Copeland said the design standards did not take into account the use of solar panels and windmills as alternative energy sources for historic homes. He said the HPC has basically lifted their recommendation from the Secretary of the Interior’s guidelines. A “white paper” prepared

for the 2008 Pocantico Symposium (Tarrytown, N.Y.) outlined potential conflicts between green building practices and the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Historic Preservation. Research indicated most applications for approval for putting visible solar panels on historic structures were

being denied, however, those placed on roofs that did not face the street tended to be approved by local review boards.

Copeland said the problem with windmills is that they are always visible.

“They are not appropriate in the Historic District, and we recommend you embrace

this by not permitting them in Cape May,” Copeland said.

Mayor Edward J. Mahaney Jr. said he was not certain wholesale prohibition would be in the city’s best interest.

“We need to look into windmills further,” he said.

Mahaney referred to two 2mw wind turbines scheduled to be erected at the Coast Guard Training Center. He said the Coast Guard was under a federal mandate to increase its use of renewable energy sources. He said the Coast Guard did not have to

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Lower Township slices \$1 million from 2010 budget

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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LOWER TOWNSHIP – Lower Township Council came in Monday with an amendment for cutting \$1,033,000 from the 2010 municipal budget.

Municipal Auditor Leon Costello said the cuts came by reducing 25 separate line items and using more of the township’s fund balance. The result is no increase over the 2009 budget.

The biggest decrease came in the category of Public Safety Salary and Wages, which saw a reduction of \$223,000 in the 2010 budget. Some of the savings resulted from cuts to police personnel made in 2009, which affect this coming year’s budget. Additionally, the council opted not to fill another police position this year, prompting Chief Edward Donohue to again appeal to council not to make further cuts.

Lt. Thomas Keywood appeared before council reading a statement from Donohue, who was picking up his son from the airport after returning on military leave. Donohue’s statement said there were 55 full-time officers in 1995 and 46 when the current administration took office. Over the past year and a half the department lost three officers through attrition, and a fourth is being cut from the budget this year. Donohue asked council to hold the line at 42 officers until the financial situation improves. He said physical assaults on police officers rose from five in 2006 to 15 in 2009. He said that should be a wake-up call that cuts to police department staffing is impacting the officers’ safety and the public’s safety.

The next largest category of reduction was Public Works Salary and Wages, which is being cut by \$158,000. The reductions include one supervisory position not being

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LCMR prom at Wildwood Convention Center

Lower Cape May Regional Students Meagan Oliver and Frank Albert make their way down the red carpet, past friends and family, on their way into the Wildwood Convention Center for the 2010 Prom. See page A14 for more photos.

City makes emergency appropriation to repair deteriorating storm sewer pipe

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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CAPE MAY – City council passed an emergency appropriation Tuesday to repair a storm water outfall line at Queen Street. Municipal Engineer Jim Mott

said a 240-foot section of the pipe was compromised and needed to be repaired.

“I was shocked when I saw it. It is the most durable kind of pipe made,” he said.

Mayor Edward J. Mahaney Jr. said the pipe was only seven

years old and wondered whether it was covered under some sort of manufacturer’s warranty. Mott said he was not sure they would guarantee pipe used in a saltwater environment.

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Amaleta Moore: teacher’s daughter was committed to education

By JENNIFER KOPP
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WEST CAPE MAY – When Amaleta A. Moore’s father, William J. Moore, began teaching at West Cape May Elementary School in 1895, the borough of West Cape May was in its youth – only 11 years old.

The school was segregated. Goldbeating and farming were the borough’s prime industries. Moore himself was the son of freed slaves, one relative escaping via the Underground Railroad.

He taught at the tiny school for more than 50 years. He married Baltimorean Suzie Smothers, who worked for Dr. Emlen Physick’s aunt, and together they had nine children. The family lived on Fifth Avenue their entire lives. Amaleta, the youngest, died last Tuesday, April 27, at the age of 94. She was predeceased by her seven brothers and one sister.

Hers was a long life, not only in years and accomplishment, but within the history of the borough and Cape May as well. She was known for her commitment to education



Amaleta Moore

like her father. After attending West Cape May Elementary School and graduating from Cape May High School, she earned a bachelor’s degree in home economics from Bennett College, in Greensboro, N.C., a master’s degree in education from Hampton University in Hampton, Va. and another master’s degree in administration from Columbia University in New York City.

Amaleta Moore worked as the dean of women at Bennett

College and later at Hampton University, but always managed to come back to summer here on the cape. Upon retirement in 1982, she moved back to West Cape May where her roots still grew deep.

In fact, The History Committee of West Cape

Marie Iaconangelo, the committee’s president, said Amaleta Moore spoke a lot about the rich agriculture of West Cape May.

“She told us how her mother rooted and canned and baked bread and had chickens. Everyone back then

“She was a wonderful lady,” Iaconangelo continued. “She was kind and generous with her time. She had a great sense of humor and her house was neat as a pin. The family house is still there. I’d like to see it become a museum, it has so much memorabilia

dance. Things which weren’t normally taught back then.”

Her father may be best remembered for his tennis skills. During his summer months off as a school teacher, he worked odd jobs at the Washington Street Golf Club. Eventually, the club added tennis courts and Moore was put in charge. This led again to teaching – this time tennis. As a born teacher, he soon worked out a teaching technique that was successful with the children of club members. Gradually he developed a following among the residents of Cape May – both summer and year-round – who insisted only William Moore teach their children the game.

During the 1930s, the golf club went into receivership, and the city took over ownership of the land. The tennis courts were leased by William Moore personally during the summer to run as a concession. He continued to give lessons, string rackets, maintain the courts and organize matches. In 1952 the Cape May Tennis Club moved

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