

Minutes of the Flemington Historic Preservation Commission Meeting on October 2, 2019

Call to Order: This meeting, held in conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act, was called to order by Chair Elaine Gorman at 7:01 pm. It was held at Flemington Borough Hall, 38 Park Avenue, Flemington NJ. 08822.

Flag Salute

Roll Call: Elaine Gorman, Richard Giffen, Emily Kelchen, Kim Tilly, and Don Eckel were present. Councilwoman Caitlin Giles-McCormick was also in attendance.

Jennifer Williford was absent.

1. Approval of the Work Session Minutes of September 4, 2019

Elaine Gorman moved to approve the minutes as amended. Emily Kelchen seconded the motion, which passed 2-0-3 with Richard Giffen, Kim Tilly, and Don Eckel abstaining.

2. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2019

Don Eckel moved to approve the minutes as amended. Richard Giffen seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-1 with Kim Tilly abstaining.

3. Planning Board

Next meeting is Monday, October 7. In the Historic Courthouse.

Elaine Gorman reported that proposed ordinance 2019-21, which would allow the appeal of Planning Board approvals to the Borough Council, will be considered.

It is possible the HPC's historic map will be considered at the meeting on the 22nd.

4. Council Items

Courthouse Square Redevelopment is still in litigation. Additional information will be added to the Borough website when it is available.

The Streetscape project is on schedule. Trees will be going in soon.

5. Design Guidelines

The HPC discussed the existing design guidelines.

It was agreed that they could be:

- more user friendly for property owners
- easier for the HPC to reference in its resolutions
- incorporated by reference in the HPC application

The HPC will reach out to John Hatch, AIA to get his advice on design guideline best practices.

Emily Kelchen and Don Eckel were appointed to a guidelines subcommittee.

6. House Tours

Emily Kelchen moved to table this item until the next HPC workshop meeting. Don Eckel seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

7. HPC Follow-Up

A. Historic Plaques — Kim Tilly talked to Tim Bart, President of the Board of Education, about presenting a Historic District plaque to the school district. Ongoing.

B. Postcard Update — Kim Tilly and Emily Kelchen are getting quotes from printers.

C. October Presentations

1. Oct 10 - 7 PM - Lowrey Lecture on Colonial Flemington at the Main Branch of the Hunterdon County Library.
2. Oct 19 - 2-4 PM -Talk and Walk on buildings in the Borough that have been moved.
3. Registration for both programs is through the Hunterdon 300th Committee. The HPC is co-sponsoring these events, and will advertise and promote them.

8. Public Comment — None

9. Chair Items

A. Upcoming Applications

1. 38 Maple Avenue, Walter Hamilton
2. 43 Broad Street, Jenn Tamedl

B. Name Plates for HPC commissioners have been ordered.

C. HPC Brochures - Borough Hall is re-stocked.

D. HPC Holiday Gathering - December 14 at Capuano's at 6pm

E. Certified Local Government - Elaine Gorman and and Richard Giffen are subcommittee for this project.

9. Adjournment

Emily Kelchen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. Kim Tilly seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily S. Kelchen, HPC Secretary