

Minutes of the Flemington Historic Preservation Commission Meeting on April 3, 2019

Call to Order: This meeting, held in conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act, was called to order by Vice-Chair Richard Giffen at 7:00 pm. It was held at Flemington Borough Hall, 38 Park Avenue, Flemington NJ. 08822.

Flag Salute

Roll Call: Richard Giffen, Emily Kelchen, and Don Eckel were present when the meeting was called to order. Kim Tilly arrived at 7:15 pm. Councilwoman Caitlin Giles-McCormick was also in attendance.

Elaine Gorman and Al Brewer were absent.

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2019.

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

2. Planning Board Report

The Planning Board met on March 26. The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for April 23.

3. Council Items

A. Budget - Councilwoman Giles-McCormick reported that the Borough budget, which has not yet been approved, recommends holding HPC funding steady at \$10,000.

B. HPC Process - Councilwoman Giles-McCormick is consulting with the Borough attorney and the League of Municipalities.

C. The Borough is planning to publish a newsletter. HPC will be invited to submit items of interest.

4. Sign Committee

Don Eckel and Councilwoman Giles-McCormick reported that a new sign ordinance is still being worked on.

5. HPC Follow-up

A. Historic District Map Update - The update is going along as scheduled.

B. HPC Alternate #2 – Elaine Gorman nominated a candidate to fill the vacant position.

C. HPC Postcards 2019

- Some Borough property owners are still receiving postcard 1. Several postcards have been returned as undeliverable. HPC discussed using USPS's Every Door Direct Mail service in the future.
- The language and artwork for postcard 2 is being developed.

D. Historic Talk, April 16, 2019, Cynthia and Vann Smith

- A press release is going out this week.

E. Talk and Walk, October 19, 2019, Janice Armstrong — No report.

F. Action Item List — Don Eckel will update the list after this evening’s meeting.

G. Social Media Update — Emily Kelchen reported that the HPC received a Facebook message about the Historic District Map.

H. HPC Correspondence

- Christopher Gluck provided the HPC with information about his property, 16 Bonnell Street.
- Hope Cohen, who attended the March 19, 2019 HPC meeting notified the HPC she is not purchasing the house at 196 Main Street.

I. Rutgers Continuing Studies course “Preservation in Practice” – Don Eckel is investigating whether the HPC can be added to the mailing list for these courses.

J. Historic Plaques

Emily Kelchen moved that former HPC members be eligible for a free Historic District plaque if they desire one. Don Eckel seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 0-4.

K. Preservation NJ’s annual meeting was held on March 30, 2019 at the Red Mill Museum in Clinton, NJ.

L. Community Day is scheduled for June 1, 2019, at the Hunterdon County Fairgrounds, from 11:00am---4:00pm.

6. Public Comment — None

7. Chair Items — None

8. Adjournment

Emily Kelchen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. Don Eckel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily S. Kelchen, HPC Secretary