

Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission Meeting on February 17, 2021

Call to Order: This meeting, held in conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act, was called to order by Don Eckel at 7:09 pm. It was held virtually.

Don Eckel read the following statement:

N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b) authorizes municipalities to conduct public meetings through use of streaming services and other online meeting platforms. Recently adopted P.L. 2020, c. 11 amends OPMA to clarify that in times of emergency public bodies may vote, accept public comment, and cause a meeting to be open to the public via electronic media.

The Borough of Flemington is using Zoom.

We will address all questions and general comments of any members of the public after the regular business has been conducted.

We will moderate questions and comments on the virtual meeting platforms. Please use the chat feature to indicate that you wish to be recognized for a comment. You can also type in questions. You **MUST** provide your name and address to be recognized for comment. If you have dialed into the meeting, the moderator will request comments from telephone participants separately.

We ask that you keep your device muted until called upon. The meeting's moderator may also mute participants

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Roll Call: Don Eckel, Richard Giffen, Wendy Orr, and Jennifer Williford were present when the meeting was called to order. Councilwoman Kim Tilly and John Hatch, AIA were also in attendance.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Jennifer Williford moved to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2021 meeting. Wendy Orr seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

2. Applications

A. 2021- 01, 60 Broad Street, Jamie Wright

The application and HPC resolution are attached.

Richard Giffen moved to approve the application as presented. Jennifer Williford seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

B. 2021-02, 39 Mine Street, Ash Jain

The Application and HPC resolution are attached.

Jennifer Williford moved to approve the application as submitted. Richard Giffen seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

C. 91 Mine Street, Planning Board referral.

Project was reviewed and discussed. It was decided that John Hatch, AIA will submit comments to the Planning Board based on said discussion.

D. 94, 78 Main Street, Spring and Bloomfield Avenue, Planning Board referral.

Richard Giffen recused himself from the meeting during the review and discussion of this referral.

After review and discussion, it was decided that the HPC will not be submitting a formal response at this time.

3. Public Comments - None

4. Reports

A. Council – Councilwoman Kim Tilly provided an update on the new website. Also, she will approach Mayor Driver regarding the addition to this committee of Richard Slaughter, borough resident who has expressed interest in joining the Flemington HPC.

5. Public Outreach

A. Social Media/FCP, Jennifer – None

B. 2021 Postcard, Wendy – Discussed timeline with Dave Norton for new picture, goal is to have materials to Minuteman Press by the end of March.

6. Projects

A. CLG and Historical guidelines update, Richard – Both projects are meeting regularly and are making progress.

7. Chair Items

A. PB Master Plan Proposal (Spring 2021) – Beth McManus is working on the Master Plan revision and is looking to include HPC.

B. Preservation New Jersey – HPC is currently a member of this non-profit organization and would like to renew our membership when it comes due.

8. Public Comment - None

9. Adjournment

A. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2021.

Wendy Orr moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM. Richard Giffen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy S. Orr, HPC Secretary