

Hightstown Historic Preservation Commission

**Thursday, January 15, 2009
7:30 pm @Borough Hall**

MINUTES

- Call to order and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Christian Kirkpatrick at 7:45 pm. The Open Public Meeting Act statement was read and roll was taken. In attendance were: Commissioners Kirkpatrick, Brown, Buriak, Keith, Mariboe Patten, Pratt and Council Liaison Walter Sikorski.
- Election of chair: Christian Kirkpatrick was nominated for Chairperson by Commissioner Brown. Her nomination was seconded by Commissioner Keith. Commissioner Kirkpatrick was elected by a unanimous vote.
- Public Comment: No comments were made.
- The minutes from December 4, 2008 were moved by Commissioner Keith, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Commissioner Buriak and Commissioner Pratt abstained. The minutes were approved as read by unanimous vote.
- Old Business:
 1. Stockton Street Streetscape Improvements: Commissioner Buriak reported that the Economic Stimulus Bill offers an opportunity for our grant to be considered as a “shovel ready” project. The Borough Council will consider including it in their appeal for funding in the Stimulus Package that is being considered in Congress.
 2. John Bull Sleeper Stones Initiative: Commissioner Kirkpatrick and Patten will speak with Bob Craig from the State Historic Preservation Office at the Historical Society’s January Banquet.

3. Booklet of Housing Styles: Commissioner Pratt reported on the HPC Design Standards Booklet that will be developed using the City of Cape May booklet as a template.

4. Cedar Hill Cemetery: Commissioner Patten reported that she had contacted a local member of the Cedar Hill Cemetery Board to inform him of grant opportunities for historic cemeteries. Commissioner Buriak has spoken to him.

5. Review of the Stockton Street Ordinance:

Chairwoman Kirkpatrick reported that although the HPC had recommended the following sentence be added to page 5, sentence #2: *However, these boundaries shall exclude all properties subdivided prior to the date of this ordinance*, the Borough Council approved the ordinance without adding the proposed language.

- Commission continued its review of the revised draft of the ordinance to establish a Historic Preservation Commission, providing for the designation, preservation and limited protection of Historic Landmarks and Historic Districts in the Borough of Hightstown. Commissioner Kirkpatrick urged the Commission members to continue reading the draft ordinance in order to revise language related to changes in the original draft which contained the words “HPC Approval” as well as any other changes that may be necessary.
- New Business: None
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. It was moved by Commissioner Patten and seconded by Commissioner Buriak.