

Hightstown Historic Preservation Commission

Thursday, September 18, 2008

7:30 pm @Borough Hall

MINUTES

- Call to order and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Christian Kirkpatrick at 7:35 pm. The Open Public Meeting Act statement was read and roll was taken. In attendance were: Commissioners Kirkpatrick, Brown, Keith, Mariboe, Patten and Pratt. Council Liaison, Walter Sikorski was present. Council Liaison Walter Sikorski was present.
- Public Comment: None
- The minutes from June 19 were approved as read. The minutes from July 17 were approved as revised.
- Old Business:
 1. Stockton Street Streetscape Improvements: No report
 2. Antiques Fair: It was decided to cancel the Antiques Fair due to low response. Commissioner Kirkpatrick commended Commissioner Brown on her efforts to start this initiative.
 3. John Bull Sleeper Stones Initiative: No response from the SHPO.
 4. Porch Tour: There was a short discussion on the Porch Tour. It was stated that the Historical Society and the Historic Preservation Commission are considering hosting one more and then “pass the torch” to another group who might be interested in doing it. Commissioner Patten suggested the Stockton Street Advisory Board might be such a group that could take it on.

- Old Business:
 1. Borough Website: No report
 2. Proposed ordinances: Commissioner Kirkpatrick asked for a sub-committee to prepare the ordinance for our next meeting. Lee Brown, George Keith and Rick Pratt volunteered. They will meet during the next month and prepare a draft ordinance to be considered at the next meeting.
 3. Additional properties to be considered for nomination: Commissioners Kirkpatrick, Brown and Patten volunteered to serve as a sub-committee providing a resource for people interested in pursuing their own nominations.

- New Business:
 1. Historic Element Revision: Commissioner Kirkpatrick contacted Planning Board Chairperson Steve Misiura who explained that the Planning Board is requesting the HPC to work with them in their preparation of the Historic Element. We agreed to do this and will create a committee to work with the Planning Board. The committee will be composed of Christian Kirkpatrick, Rick Pratt and Dan Buriak.
 2. Booklet of Housing Style: Rick Pratt volunteered to work on modifying the Cape May book for Hightstown's use as a resource for residents interested in renovating their historic homes. George Chin, Building Inspector, requested the booklet as a source depicting appropriate choices to recommend to people who ask for help in renovation projects.

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm. It was moved by Commissioner Keith and seconded by Commissioner Pratt.