



Hightstown Historic Preservation Commission

Wednesday, September 15, 2010
7:30 pm @ 102 North Main Street



MINUTES

Call to order: Chairman Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Open Public Meeting Act Statement: Chairman Pratt read the Open Public Meeting Act Statement.

Roll Call:

Commissioner Brown:	Present
Commissioner Buriak:	Present
Commissioner Cox:	Present
Commissioner Ely:	Present
Commissioner Keith:	Present
Commissioner Mariboe:	Present
Commissioner Patten:	Present
Commissioner Pratt:	Present
Commissioner Smith:	Absent
Council Liaison Musing:	Present

Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting were moved by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Keith. They were approved unanimously.

Public Comment: None

OLD BUSINESS

Monthly Newspaper Article: Commissioner Pratt reported that Vic Monaco, Editor of the Windsor Hights Herald has stated that unless the article is about a special historic event, he would not put the information in the paper.

Downtown Hightstown Website: Commissioner Pratt reported the DTHT website is only event-oriented so they would not be including general HPC information on it.

Historic Element Revision: No action.

John Bull Sleepers: Commissioner Patten reported that she and Christian Kirkpatrick continue to meet to revise their report. Commissioner Buriak reported that there were weeds growing at the site and suggested that we contact the Parks and Rec Commission to conduct a community project to get the area cleaned up.

Pattern Book: Commissioner Pratt shared a copy of the Patten Book. He suggested that the title should be changed to "Architecture of Hightstown." The commission

discussed ways of publishing it. Commissioner Pratt also sent a link to view the book online which most commissioners had viewed. All praised the work that has been done.

Stockton Street Streetscape Improvements: Commissioner Buriak shared pictures of the work that has been done so far. He explained the process and the different types of patterns of sidewalk being installed. He stated that homeowners are doing their own spaces next to the right of way at their own expense.

Circa Plaques, whistle stop sign, district signage:

Commissioner Keith shared prices for the plaques from Revised Ohio, at \$1,165.

Peddie Lake Dam Committee: Commissioners Keith reported that presentations will be made on the Bridge in order to stimulate funding, now estimated at \$150,000. The committee will have a table at the fair in October to solicit funds as well. It hopes to have the bridge in place by Memorial Day, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

Ghost Tour: Discussion took place regarding the Ghost Tour including a cemetery tour.

Walking Tour: It was recommended that we develop a self guided tour with a map. Commissioner Ely suggested that the tour could include a downloadable version for i-pods.

Harvest Fair: Discussion took place regarding a table at the fair to publicize the Stockton Street project and the pattern book. Commissioner Patten was requested to save a space for the HPC to set up the table.

Mark Hewitt – Author of *The Vintage House; A guide to Successful Renovations and Additions*. Commissioner Pratt explained that Mr. Hewitt had contributed to the pattern book by identifying styles of the Hightstown houses. He stated that Mr. Hewitt is going to visit Hightstown and speak about his new book. It was suggested that he might be considered for our January Historical Society Dinner/Speaker.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Buriak and seconded by Commissioner Brown. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2010; 7:30pm.