



Hightstown Historic Preservation Commission

Thursday, March 18, 2010
7:30 pm @ Borough Hall



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:	<i>Absent</i>
Commissioner Keith:	Present
Commissioner Mariboe:	Present
Commissioner Patten:	Present
Commissioner Pratt:	Present
Commissioner Smith:	<i>Absent</i>
Council Liaison Musing:	Present

Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed by email prior to the meeting, with a few copies distributed at the meeting. The minutes were approved as amended.

Public Comment: Boy Scout Nathaniel Crabtree, Troop 6284, presented his Service Project which is to clear an area around a whistle post on the Greenway in Hightstown and install an historic marker to commemorate it. Scout Crabtree described his plan of action to the Commissioners.

The issue of sign design was discussed. Commissioner Pratt stated that there are no official state regulations regarding historic signs. Commissioner Keith volunteered to create a standard form for historic signs, i.e. house plaques, post signs, Historic District signs.

OLD BUSINESS

Monthly Newspaper Article: No report

Downtown Hightstown Website: No action

Historic Element Revision: Commissioner Pratt reported the subcommittee of the Planning Board will be meeting next month.

John Bull Sleepers: Commissioner Patten reported that she and Christian Kirkpatrick continue to meet to revise their report.

Demolition Ordinance: Commissioner Pratt reported the Demolition Ordinance was passed by the Planning Board and will be placed on the agenda for approval at a future Council meeting.

Pattern Book: Commissioner Pratt reported that he met with Bob Craig to go over comments made by Angela Tingey in her review of the book. Bob Craig promised to update the John and Mary Hight information in the book. Commissioner Pratt will be working on pictures in the coming month.

Stockton Street Streetscape Improvements: Commissioner Buriak reported that the borough engineer was still waiting to be approved in accordance with the Fair and Open Act and the Brooks Acts. If she is not approved, the Borough will have to go through an RFQ process again.

Key Points regarding the HPC Memo: Commissioners Brown and Keith developed a key points memo, Why do we have the Historic Preservation Commission? They shared it with the other Commissioners. It was recommended that the paragraphs on demolition be taken out since the new demolition ordinance applies to the entire town.

WZBN TV 25. Commissioner Pratt reported that he had not heard from them.

NEW BUSINESS

Peddie Lake Bridge Reconstruction: Commissioner Patten reported that a Bridge Replacement Committee is being formed by the borough. The following people indicated an interest in serving on it: Commissioners Pratt, Keith, Brown and Buriak. Council Liaison Musing indicated an interest as well.

Arcadia Publishing – Post Card Series and Then and Now. Commissioner Pratt reported that he had spoken with the publishers and they encouraged him to get involved with a Post Card History book.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Keith and seconded by Commissioner Brown. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 15, 2010.