



## Hightstown Historic Preservation Commission

Thursday, March 17, 2011  
7:30 pm @ Borough Hall



### MINUTES

**Call to order:** Chairman Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

**Open Public Meeting Act Statement:** Chairman Pratt read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement:

**Roll Call :**

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

**Minutes:** The minutes from the last meeting were distributed by email prior to the meeting, with a few copies distributed at the meeting. Commissioner Keith moved that the minutes be approved as read. Commissioner Buriak seconded the motion.

**Public Comment:** None

**Old Business:**

**Historic Element Revision:** Commissioner Pratt shared a questionnaire with the commission from the Borough Planner. The questionnaire mainly made reference to the Rug Mill, and Minute Maid Property. There was question as to the relevance of questions associated with revisions of the historic element. Commissioner Buriak suggested that the HPC Historic Element sub-committee look at the state and county plan, and incorporate or align with their plans and goals.

Commissioners Brown and Keith shared information from the HPC workshop they attended in early March at Drew University. Booklets pertaining to the Master Plan and Historic Element were given to Commissioner Pratt to share with his committee.

**John Bull Sleepers:** No new reports.

**Pattern Book:** Commissioner Pratt stated the book seems to be evolving into a design/catalog, and perhaps we may need to rename it as we progress.

**Stockton Streetscape:** Commissioner Buriak reported that work is scheduled to begin in early April. Three properties reported water in their basements. It was investigated, and determined that the project had no contribution to the problem.

**Greenway Pedestrian Bridge:** Commissioner Pratt stated that an engineer would have to be hired before the bridge can be put into place. Bids have been submitted. A trucking company has volunteered to pick up the bridge where it is being manufactured and set the bridge at no cost. The commission has raised enough money to cover the cost of the bridge only. There is more money needed for the areas leading up to the bridge.

**New Business:**

**Greenway Bridge Plaque language and design:** A copy of the newly proposed wording for the plaque was passed out to the commissioners as developed by Bob Craig, Clark Hutchinson, and Richard Hutchinson. The committee felt that more work has to be done to refine the information for readability. The cost for the plaque will be approximately \$2,000.

**PAWS Walk:** Commissioner Pratt announced that we have been asked to participate in the walk by stamping the walker's card along the planned walkway. It stated that the walk would partly be along the Historic District. It was determined that the walk will pass directly through the first and most major part of the Streetscape project, and it was recommended that an alternate route be found. Commissioner's Ely and Brown have volunteered to stamp cards. **Post Meeting:** *Commissioner Pratt relayed this concern to the PAWS walk committee, and the route has been changed. It will now head up Stockton Street and turn right onto Academy Street. The PAWS walk organizers would like to involve the HPC next year instead.*

**Upcoming NJ State Historic Preservation Conference:** Commissioner Brown passed around a flyer for the conference. Those interested, took the email address for registration for the conference on June 3.

**HPC Opinion:** Commissioner Pratt distributed pictures and plans for a change on the side of his house with additional window. The commission expressed that the addition was appropriate to the historic design of the house. **Post Meeting:** *Opinion 2011-1 was issued and signed by Vice-Chair Julie Ely.*

**Adjournment:** Commissioner Buriak moved that the meeting be adjourned, Commissioner Keith 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM

**Next Meeting: April 21, 2011**