



The Borough of Hightstown

Historic Preservation Committee
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Historic Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes August 27, 2020

Call to Order

Who: Chairman John Hostetler
When: 8/27/20 at 6:30 PM
Where: Virtually thru zoom
Topic: HPC 8-27-20
Time: Aug 27, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74077577981?pwd=M3VpMXQ5cWlDT0h1MDlSZi8zbDFuUT09>

Meeting ID: 740 7757 7981

Passcode: 1NG2y2

Attendees

John Hostetler
Amanda Rosenberg
Philippe Cardoso
Ray Cabot
Dennis Egan
Rich Teller
Dimitri Musing (Council Liaison)

STATEMENT: Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, pursuant to Public Laws 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was advertised in the Trenton Times and Windsor-Hights Herald as required by law, and is posted in the Borough Clerk's Office.

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm by John Hostetler

Approval of Agenda – Motioned by Amanda Rosenberg; seconded by Rich Teller

Approval of Minutes – Minutes 7/16/20 Motioned by Ray Cabot; seconded by Rich Teller

Public Comment – N/A

Ongoing & New Business:

1. **Comment by Council Liaison:** Due to Covid, municipal revenue has been lost (construction, zoning, etc.) Approximately, \$300,000 less in this year's revenue. Tax increase of approximately \$98.00/household annually. Commission budget reduction to \$2000 for 2020 is likely. Joining upcoming Council budget meeting on Monday, August 31 at 6:30pm is encouraged by all- HPC will attend. Information on borough website. Stockton Street repair is already earmarked and quoted at \$2750.00. If the streetscape is not repaired, costs will likely be higher in 2021. See quote: [Groendyke](#). Dennie Egan was commended by Council Liaison and HPB commission members for tremendous personal time and energy invested into maintaining the Civil War monument. He has personally invested \$800.00 up to this point for monument maintenance. HPC will appeal to Council to maintain \$3550.00 for the 2020 year for projects done and underway.
2. **Stockton Streetscape repair - Sidewalk and Monument**
HPC approves [Groendyke](#) quote to move forward.

2. Discuss City Line and HPC interests

Proposed Project Information:

<https://www.hightstownborough.com/city-line-at-hightstown-planning-board-application/>

- Willis House: HPC members are asked to review mill development plans and submit comments to HPC Chairman, John Hostetler. HPC has requested a visit to the Willis House. Permission pending. HPC will follow up on visit-request and will elicit Council's support at the meeting on 8/31/20. HPC will submit a written opinion on the mill redevelopment. Special work sessions will be scheduled and held on Wednesday, September 2 and Wednesday, September 9.
- Proposed traffic light on corner on the corner of Academy and Stockton: HPC will review Hightstown Master Plan- [Link to Master Plan](#) and submit a written opinion on the installation of the proposed traffic light.
- Name of development project "City Line": In keeping with the Master Plan, this name may not best represent Hightstown's past or desired future. HPC will submit an opinion on the proposed project name.
- Next Planning Board meeting- September 14.

Next Meeting – Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 6:30PM virtual thru zoom

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38pm

Motioned by: John Hostetler

Seconded by: Phillipe Cardoso

Useful Links:

Hightstown Master Plan: [Link to Master Plan](#)