



# The Borough of Hightstown

## Historic Preservation Committee

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### Historic Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes

#### May 20, 2021

#### Call to Order

**Who:** Historic Preservation Commission

**When:** 5/20/21 at 6:30 PM

**Where:** Virtually thru zoom

**Topic:** Current Topics

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**Meeting ID:** 769 7495 2347

**Passcode:** DH2bn8

#### Attendees

John Hostetler

Amanda Rosenberg

Rich Teller

Dennis Egan

Joe Louderback

**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 6:30 pm by John Hostetler**

**Approval of Agenda – Motioned by John Hostetler; seconded by Rich Teller**

**Approval of Minutes – Minutes 4/21 Motioned by John Hostetler; seconded by Rich Teller**

**Public Comment – N/A**

## Ongoing & New Business:

1. **2021 Budget-** Council Liaison will obtain HPC budget information. Request is for \$4000
2. **Willis House Walkthrough to Identify Items for Salvage-**  
Demo is rescheduled for May  
Developer says walk thru in April  
HPC needs to find a place for all salvaged materials  
JH to reach out to developer to schedule walkthrough
3. **Peddie Bridge Replacement-**  
2022 at the earliest is current info  
HPC looking into the original color-scheme to offer recommendation
4. **Digitize Compendium**  
½ done JH to complete
5. **Update Borough HPC page with examples of repairs - *Ongoing***  
Goal: Exemplar photos of how homeowners have repaired/renovated historic homes/structures will be compiled to serve as models and resources for others and available on HPC webpage. Links to businesses who perform the work will be linked to the HPC page. Contractors who have performed work will be contacted to elicit photos. When properties change owners, information about the historic district in which they are moving should be provided
6. **HPC should work together to beautify monument** - Sprinkler system is in disrepair (reprogramming, missing, etc.). Public works has committed to taking care of it. Repairs are a minimal cost for long-term gains. Repairs have been neglected for several years and need attention to maintain aesthetics and preservation of the monument and the green. Local residents (Gary Stevens, Dennis Egan, etc.) have been volunteering time and resources.
7. **Maintenance in HD - *Ongoing***  
Weeds in the sidewalk bricks - should develop a plan, needs to be environmentally friendly spray. Burning? Weed picking? maybe a flyer to advise homeowners to weed. explore safe companies that provide this service.  
JH to PW about grass and sprinklers in the monument area.
8. **Hightstown Tricentennial Celebration 1721-2021-** HPC will connect with township initiatives to celebrate Hightstown's birthday

**Next Meeting – Thursday, 4/15/21 at 6:30pm virtual thru zoom**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:11 pm**

**Motioned by: John Hostetler**

**Seconded by: Rich Teller**

**Useful Links:**

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