

# Pennington Historic Preservation Commission

## Meeting Minutes

### 5/16/2023

#### **Opening Statement**

Adequate public notice of this meeting has been posted in Borough Hall and sent to the officially designated newspaper, the Hopewell Valley News. This meeting was held via Zoom.

#### **Attendance**

Mary Baum, Dave Coats, Jack Davis Eric Holtermann, Barbara Kirsch, Natalie Shivers, David Stevens

Absent: Katrina Homel, Robert Chandler

Also attending: Kati Angarone, Council Representative, Katie Ronollo, Secretary

#### **Open time for public address**

Eric opened the meeting for public address. There were no members of the public participating thus the period for public comment was closed.

#### **Minutes**

The April minutes were approved via a motion by Dave and a second by Mary. All were in favor.

#### **Resignation**

Barbara Kirsch has resigned from the commission due to a conflict on Tuesday evenings. Please let Eric know if you have any recommendations to fill this opening. Barbara expressed her appreciation to commission members and Eric thanked Barbara for her tenure and service to the Commission.

With Barbara leaving it is a good time to ask to change the classifications of members as follows: changing Bob and Natalie to the A category, Katrina to the B category and moving Mary from alternate to main member in the C category with David and a new member to be alternates.

#### **Applications**

No new applications.

#### **Heritage Week**

Jack has reached out to Eric about doing a walking tour again this year. Jack and Eric will discuss the possibility of adding a tour to the heritage week schedule.

#### **15 West Delaware Avenue-Front window replacement**

The shop has opened with benches in front. Kait noted at the Council meeting that the HPC had reluctantly approve their certificate of appropriateness. Members agree that the store will be a great addition to town.

#### **Other Business**

None

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**Streetscape Improvements**

Another draft was shared and incorporated many suggestions from the community. The only remaining comment/issue is the lighting being 4000k too bright and too blue. Eric will reach out again to the mayor about the impracticality of these lights. Natalie would like some more time to review the plans. Kati suggested to look on Park Ave near Weidel at the newly installed light which is very different and very bright. Members agree that the brighter lights will not only be offensive to the eye they may also cause disturbance for wildlife. Commission members did not have other comments at this time.

**Historic Preservation Ordinance Revision**

Eric will share the draft document once he confirms details of sharing with Katrina.

**Master Plan Update**

The Planning and Zoning Board has approved the 2023 Master Plan Reexamination Report. Bob and Eric attended the presentation and the overall impression is that Historic Preservation elements will be incorporated. The Planner agreed to add a historic overlay to the Zoning map and discussed changing the bulk requirements to more accurately reflect the realities of the Historic District.

**HPC Website Updates**

Katie has added what can be added thus far to the website. Some additional comments have been received and incorporated. Mary will work on completing the home page text. Eric has some FAQ comments which he will share with Dave. Contributing and non-contributing classifications have not been included in the current survey. Eric has a list and has asked Natalie and Jack to walk the district with him to update the list. Please provide feedback on any other areas to Katie.

**Next HPC Meeting**

June 20, 2023 @ 7:30PM

Meeting was adjourned at 9:53PM.