

Pennington Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
5/17/22

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. Because of the state of emergency in New Jersey regarding Covid-19, the meeting will be held remotely via Zoom.

Attendance

Robert Chandler, Jack Davis, Eric Holtermann, Katrina Homel, Barbara Kirsh, Natalie Shivers, Mary Baum, Hannah Williams, also attending, Council representative, Katrina Angarone, Secretary, Katie Ronollo

Minutes

There were no comments on the April, 2022 minutes. A motion to accept was made by Natalie, and seconded by Katrina H.; all approved via voice vote.

New Business

Applications

There are no new applications for review.

There was a question from Van Cleef engineering that was emailed to Katrina Angarone. The question was regarding a site plan and the process for submission to Historic Preservation. Eric has crafted a reply that Katie R. will send out 5/18. We are not sure of the exact site.

Hopewell Valley Heritage Week

Jack discussed Heritage week and the walking tour of Pennington that has been scheduled for 2pm on Saturday May 28. Eric will share the information with Katie R. to get the details and registration on to the Borough website.

Commission Walking Tour

In order to facilitate a Commission walking tour, the next meeting date will be changed to Tuesday, June 14th @ 7pm with meeting place at the 1 North Main Street. (Note: changed to meeting at Borough Hall) Katie R. will send public notice.

Unauthorized Work Notice

Eric shared his draft of an unauthorized work notice. Eric will incorporate edits mentioned at the meeting and send out for further comment. Please read over in detail and share any other edits.

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Eric has contacted the new homeowner to let him know about the ordinance and to let him know the Commission is available to answer any questions. There is a dumpster in the yard.

Website Updates

Natalie continues to work on general information for the website. We will also add that previous applications are available at the Borough office. All other updates are complete.

Annual NJ Historic Preservation Conference

4 commission members are attending. The full agenda has been posted. If you want to go on a tour, you should sign up ahead of time. The invoice came directly to the Borough.

Review of Ordinance

Bob has reviewed the ordinance and is working on updating the text per NJ HPO comments. HPC will review and discuss prior to bringing proposed changes to Council.

Welcome Packages

The Friends of the Pennington Library supply welcome packages to new residents. We can add information on the Historic District in these packets. The information might include Natalie's blurb that is in progress.

Notification when selling a home

Haddonfield's ordinance currently includes the need to disclose that the home is in the Historic District when selling. In an effort to ensure that buyers know their home is in the historic district, Bob will make this to adjustments to the Pennington ordinance. Katrina suggested that it might be beneficial to do some outreach to real estate offices in the area to increase realtor's knowledge of the Historic area.

This is Haddonfield's disclosure language, kindly forwarded by Natalie:

"Disclosure required. Whenever real property designated as part of a Historic District or a historic landmark pursuant to Chapter **135** of the Borough of Haddonfield Code is to be sold within the Borough of Haddonfield the seller thereof shall tender to all prospective purchasers a copy of the preprinted information available from the Borough that describes certain exterior alterations and construction standards. Said seller shall obtain the signatures of all parties to a sale of such real property showing that the preprinted information has been given and received, indicating thereon the street address and parcel number of the real property being sold. The disclosure is not required for buildings constructed after 1978.

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Time of disclosure. The disclosure required in Subsection **B** above shall be completed no later than at the time the real estate sale contract is executed between the seller and purchaser thereof."

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Open Discussion

Eric has followed up with the owner of 16 East Delaware. They are using new siding and have indicated that they will match the exposure and use the smooth side of the siding.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be rescheduled for 7pm on June 14.