

HAMBURG HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

April 25, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. This meeting was held in person at the Municipal Building located at 16 Walkkill Avenue, Hamburg, New Jersey 07419.

Chairman Barr invited all in attendance to participate in the flag salute.

Statement of Certification: This meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Sections 4 and 13, as advertised by Annual Notice.

Roll Call: Dan Barr, Russell Brown, Charles McMickle, William Oehler and Art Walton. Absent: Thomas Graham. Councilwoman Joyce Oehler was in attendance.

Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2022: A motion was made by McMickle, second by Walton to approve the minutes of January 24, 2022 with all others in favor.

Bills/Vouchers:

- New Jersey Herald - \$61.20

A motion is made by Graham, second by Haig to approve the invoice from the New Jersey Herald for payment with all others in favor.

Correspondence:

- 2021 Annual Report submitted to Thivierge, New Jersey Historic Preservation Office

- April 1, 2022 email re: Annual Training Opportunities

There were no comments on the correspondence.

The Resolution of Historic Preservation Commission decided and memorialized at the January 31, 2022 regular meeting of the Commission supporting the proposed museum was provided for informational purposes

New/Unfinished Business:

Chairman Barr discusses the Wheatsworth Mills designation and the need to discuss and clarify the buildings included in that designation at the request of the Commission and Borough Attorney. The property was recently acquired which prompted this discussed. Information was located and provided to the engineer for the new property owner in response to an OPRA request.

The Commission members reviewed the following documents related to this property and discussed same:

- Resolution decided and memorialized on February 18, 2009;
- Chapter 215-173.1 Landmarks and landmark districts;
- December 17, 2008 meeting minutes;
- February 18, 2008 meeting minutes;
- March 25, 2009 meeting minutes;
- Designation Report for Wheatsworth Mill; and
- Historic Preservation Easement recorded on January 26, 2006 in Book 03010 Page 00234.

The developer will not need to appear before the Commission to utilize the warehouse buildings.

A motion was made by Oehler, second by Walton acknowledging that the designation included the Wheatsworth Mill and Dam and excluded the warehouse buildings built circa 1943 by the Plastoid Corporation with Chairman Barr, McMickle and Brown in favor.

Chairman's Agenda:

A motion is made at 7:05 p.m. by Oehler, second by Walton with all other in favor to close to the public.

Chairman Barr welcomes the members of the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office will be in attendance including Lindsay Thivierge, M.A., Certified Local Government Coordinator; Andrew Tinghey and Treena Goodman.

Ms. Thivierge indicates that their attendance at the meeting is based on their requirement to attend and monitor meetings of CLG and discuss any local concerns or needs. Ms. Thivierge requests bylaws/rules of procedures. Chairman Barr indicates that the Borough's Boards and Commissions follow Robert's Rules of Order and the Sunshine Law.

Chairman Barr discusses his long relationship with Andrea Tingey. The property owners appreciate and take care of the historic properties.

The Presbyterian Church is locally and nationally designated. The new owner will be submitting a subdivision application.

The Wheatsworth Mills property was recently purchased and the new owner intends to submit a Land Use Board application.

The limekilns and the condition of the trees around the site are discussed. There has not been action taken to remove the trees and Chairman Barr expresses his concerns for the physical integrity of the limekilns.

Main Street was considered for designation but the property owners were not in agreement and have been maintaining the properties.

The owner of the Gingerbread Castle is preservation minded and continues to improve the property.

Discussion continues about the street signs in the Borough and training.

The CLG was recently reorganized so they are now a unit under the community investment and economic revitalization.

Chairman Barr discusses the Commission's intention to complete a survey of buildings over 50 years of age and then add to the Master Plan. He mentions that we filed a grant application but were denied.

Grant funds and the application process are discussed. The application will be available in October. The application filing system is discussed.

Information related to grants, training, programs, tax credits, etc. are sent by email. The email blasts allow CLGs to discuss topics and get feedback from other CLGs.

A motion is made by Oehler, second by Walton at 7:36 p.m. to close the meeting to the public.

A motion was made by Oehler, second by Walton at 7:36 p.m. to adjourn the meeting with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Brick, Secretary
Hamburg Historic Preservation Commission