

Fair Lawn Historic Preservation Commission (FLHPC) Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2023

- 1) 7:40 PM Call to Order
- 2) Confirmation of Notice to Comply with Open Public Meeting Act
- 3) Roll Call

- Amy Hummerstone- present
- Ray Richter- present
- Felice Koplik- present
- Matthew Correia- present
- Leslie Frucht-present
- Howard Sperling-present
- Richard Ball- absent
- Ally Toomey- absent

Quorum declared

- 4) Marc Colyer, Larry Koplik, Marianne Richter, and Claude Bienstock were welcomed to the meeting.
- 5) Election of Officers and Updating of Roster:

Election results:

- Amy Hummerstone will continue to serve as Chair.
- Leslie Frucht will serve as Vice-Chair.
- Howard Sperling will serve as Secretary.

Ray mentioned that Nick Magarelli, Fair Lawn Borough Clerk, requested an updated Roster. Subsequent to our meeting, Amy updated the Roster (see Attachment).

We discussed classifications of experience, as required by town statute:

- Class A: architect, at least one Commissioner; Amy, Felice and Leslie have this experience
- Class B: local historian, at least one Commissioner; Richard and Leslie have this experience
- Class C- general experience

- 6) We briefly discussed the Main Street Fair Lawn program, specifically the possibility of funding reproduction of Historic Sites brochure through program funds (see Item #8) and cooperation with Garretson Forge and Farm.

7) We discussed preservation of the Chase building built in 1929 at the corner of Fair Lawn Avenue and River Road. The HPC will address designation of the building as an historic site at the State and Federal level through a two step process.

- Step 1- contact Borough Councilwoman Gail Rottenstrich for initial discussions regarding designation of the building through Borough ordinance as an historical site.
- Step 2- Felice stated that she can recommend a grant writer/preservation specialist who will prepare documentation for designation. The Borough will pay for this service.

8) Felice updated the status of the reproduction of the Historic Sites brochure. Cynthia Forster, Director of the Bergen County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs, has advised her that Bergen County will not provide any funding for reproduction and will not have any control over the product; however the County requires retention of the crediting statement on the back page of the brochure.

The FLHPC plans to use Main Street Program funds for reproduction of the brochure fund.

Felice recommended that Kevin Tremble, owner of printing firm Tech Repro, provide an initial estimate for re-creating the print version of the brochure. The process of obtaining quotes can begin in the fall of this year.

Matt opined that the focus of reproducing the brochure should be on the digital version, given that students are now often more comfortable with reading media in a digital format. We also discussed advantages in using a digital format, such as links to other documents and photos.

Matt estimated that posting the brochure to a website would be \$2k-\$3K.

Amy stated that the FLHPC has approximately 50 print copies of the brochure in storage.

9) We reviewed upcoming Applications to the Planning Board:

- Bris Avrohom
- Nabisco

10) The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Howard Sperling