

**Township of Verona
Historic Preservation Commission**

**Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2019**

1. Call to order

Chairman Glenn Houthuysen called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

2. Statement of compliance

Chairman Houthuysen advised that notice of the meeting was published pursuant to the requirements of the NJ Open Public Meetings Act.

3. Roll call of members

- Glenn Houthuysen (Chairman)
- Martin Golan
- Joe Hallock - excused
- Dianne Oster
- Kelly Ruffel – excused
- Nick Savva
- Sandra Smith

4. Adoption of minutes from the June 20, 2019 meeting

The meeting minutes from the June 20, 2019 meeting were not accepted into the record as there was not a quorum present from the last meeting.

5. Old business

a. Martin Rd.

- Owner Dave Newkirk has concerned about designation and the hurdles he may encounter regarding future renovation.
- There is an IRS document that outlines potential tax benefits of designation and will be shared.
 - Council Member Kevin Ryan (he will be the new town council liaison) thought that the potentially of some sort of tax break or a rebate for designation should be investigated.

b. White Rock

- The White Rock is on county property. Possibly Green Acres potential, the property cannot be sold.
- Michael DeCarlo, from town engineering department, surveyed the site with Mayor McEvoy.

c. Freight Shed

- Ms. Smith noted the funding is in place to move the shed to a designated location.
- The commission discussed the costs of moving the shed and possibly looking into grants from PSE&G for the removal of overhead wires during the move.

- d. Methodist Church
 - Ms. Smith will reach out regarding the VHPC plaque designating the property as a local Historic property.
- e. Brower House
 - John Ostering would be a good contact to the owners. Noted that there have been repairs on the house in recent months.

6. New Business

- a. Walking tour
 - Chairman Houthuysen will contact Steve Neal to see if there is an intern that can work on the graphics for this flyer/booklet.
- b. Fair in the Square
 - Suggested that the VHPC request a table next to the Environmental Commission.
- c. Email addresses
 - Commission members should have township email addresses for conducting VHPC business.
- d. Meeting Dates planned for 2020. Ms. Smith will reserve the room
 - January 16
 - March 19
 - May 21
 - June 18
 - September 17
 - November 19

7. Other business:

There was no other business.

8. Public participation:

Council Member Kevin Ryan was in attendance. He will be joining the Commission as the Town Council liaison.

9. Adjournment: Chairman Houthuysen adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm. The next meeting is to be held on November 21, 2019.