

**Township of Verona
Historic Preservation Commission**

**Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2022**

1. Call to order

Chairman Glenn Houthuysen called the meeting to order at 7:37 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
- Dianne Oster
- Jack McEvoy
- Kelly Ruffel - excused
- Sandra Smith

4. Adoption of minutes from the May 19, 2022 meeting

The May 19, 2022 meeting minutes were accepted into the record.

5. Old business

- a. Review of the list of workshops for historical conferences and training for potential commission attendance both in person and web-based training.
- b. Mr. McEvoy checked the VHPC mailbox. There was no mail.
- c. Plaques for landmarked structures
 - VUMC and Freight Shed are on the back burner for now as the new master plan is in development
- d. Potential designations
 - 30 Grove Avenue should be reviewed.
 - White Rock historic designation needs to be in coordination with the county. Perhaps a letter to the county executive.
- e. Mr. Houthuysen is requesting additional letters to potential homeowners of historic homes.
- f. The commission needs another binder and survey for members.
- g. Fair in the Square – Saturday. 12/3/22. 12-5 pm. New sign needed for the table.

6. New Business

a. Meeting agenda adjustment because of outside participants

- As a result of the letter to homeowners James and Marcia Ammeen.11 Cole Road joined the meeting and there was a lively discussion.
- The Ammeens live in the John Foster House, circa 1925, and have an interest in protecting the property as well as the neighborhood.
- Belleclaire Place homes need to be considered with respect to historical significance.
- The Taylor house is rumored to have been lived in by Babe Ruth.

b. Mr. McEvoy reiterated that we review the new master plans map that includes Historic districts throughout the township.

- The Master plan will be finalized shortly.
- Mr. McEvoy explained the map of Historic Districts. He suggested that we should wait for that to be in place before proceeding on some fronts because of the new Historic Districts.

7. **Adjournment:** Chairman Houthuysen adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm. The next meeting is to be held on November 17 at 7:30 pm.