

**Township of Verona
Historic Preservation Commission**

**Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2022**

1. Call to order

Chairman Glenn Houthuysen called the meeting to order at 7:11 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 November 18, 2021 meeting

The meeting minutes from November 18, 2021 were accepted into the record.

5. Old business

- a. Mr. Houthuysen wanted to confirm that the committee members still have access to the Google Direct account and email.
- b. Preservation conferences
 - Workshops
 - Mr. Hallock was reimbursed for participating in a training course on historic preservation.
 - a. Suggested that if possible we should jump in if we get notice of the March 2022 meeting as this are only allowing 20 participants.
 - Noted that it is a CLG requirement to attend and the fee would be covered.
- c. Fair in the Square
 - The VHPC had a table at Fair in the Square in December. Steve Neale made brochures regarding the VHPC and the historic properties in Verona which were handed out as part of the educational outreach process.
 - We will need to have a new sign for the booth reflecting our current name as the VHPC.

- d. VHPC mailbox at Civic Center – Mr. McEvoy confirmed that there was no mail.

6. Ongoing business

- Designations – *continuing ongoing status*
 - Freight Shed
 - a. Plans were contingent on the township's purchase of the Cameco and Poekel properties for affordable housing.
 - b. Ms. Smith stated that funding is still available.
 - Methodist Church Plaque placement possibility.
 - White Rock
 - a. Pending the need for County permission for historic designation of a county property. Perhaps in September.

7. New Business

- a. New VHPC Member
 - New member possibility: Dr. Mathew Peluso, orthodontist who resides here in Verona.
- b. Mr. Houthuysen noted that the CLG report is in process and almost completed at this time.
- c. Historic Districts
 - This was discussed at the Stakeholders meeting and is a continued review.
 - Other commissions are part of the review including the Shade Tree and Environmental Commissions,
 - Possible districts
 - Cook Lane Historic District
 - Houses not in the Barton Ross survey which focused on houses 100 years old.
 - Mr. Hallock suggested a review of properties that are 50+ years which would include neighborhoods like Woodland Ave. Discussion was that this could be expanded to Grove Ave. and Everett Field.

- 8. **Adjournment:** Chairman Houthuysen adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm. The next meeting is to be held on March 10, 2022, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.