

**Township of Verona  
Historic Preservation Commission**

**Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2023**

**1. Call to order.**

Chairman Glenn Houthuysen called the meeting to order at 7:06 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. Guests**

- a. Dr. Dante Mercurio
- b. Bob Williams
- c. Teena Schwartz

**5. Adoption of minutes from the March 16, 2023, meeting**

March 16, 2023 meeting minutes were accepted into the record.

**6. Old business**

- a. Freight Shed
  - Discussion of the stability of the building.
  - Verona Township owns the railroad right of way. The shed is partially on the adjacent property.
  - Mr. McEvoy suggested that he would look into getting a survey of the property for further review and discussion.
- b. White Rock
  - Historic designation discussion. Needs to be in coordination with the county.
- c. Plaques for landmarked structures
  - Review of markers, whether bronze or aluminum. Pricing in the \$300 - \$400 range. Will reach out to Ms. Ruffel regarding the Paterson standard.

- Potential sizes of the markers:
  - 9” x 2” on public properties
  - 10” x 7” on residential

7. New Business

a. Designations

- 11 Cole Road has been officially designated by the Verona Town Council.
- Dr. Mercurio signed the letter of intent to have 12 Orchard Street officially designated.
- Discussion of 65 Hillside Rd.
  - A New York Times reporter reached out to Chairman Houthuysen with regard to the property which is not in the survey.
  - Mr. Williams noted that this was once a farmhouse.
  - Ms. Smith pointed out that there has been a very recent modernization of the house.

b. Public participation

- Mr. Williams, 26 Hillcrest Terrace, would like his home to be considered for historic designation. He has constructed detailed records of the home’s history and has been meticulous in maintaining and restoring the home to the original intent.
- Ms. Schwartz, 6 Cook Lane, discussed the unique issues of her historic lane, ownership, and responsibility.

**8. Adjournment:** Chairman Houthuysen adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm. The next meeting is to be held on June 15, 2023.