

HAMBURG HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Re-Organization

January 29, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Those present participated in the Flag Salute

Statement of Certification – This meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Sections 4 and 13, as advertised by Annual Notice.

Oaths of Allegiance lead by Attorney Clemack for the following:
Robert O'Connor, Russell Law, Charles McMickle, Marion Wood

Roll Call: Present were Thomas Watts, Guy Harby, Robert O'Connor, Marion Wood, Russell Law, Charles McMickle. Also present was Dan Barr.

Re-Organization:

Chairman: Thomas Watts as Chairman motioned by Mr. Harby. Seconded by Mr. Law. Aye: Cunningham, Law, McMickle, Wood, Harby and O'Connor, Nay: None. Abstained: Watts.

Vice Chair: Randy Cunningham as Vice Chairman motioned by Mr. Watts. Seconded by Mr. Harby
Aye: Law, McMickle, Wood, Harby and O'Connor, Watts. Nay: None. Abstained: Cunningham

Mr. Harby motioned to approve the following Mayor and Council appointments: Attorney: Richard J. Clemack; Planner: Ken Nelson, Nelson Consulting Group; Historic Planner: Wayne McCabe;
Engineer: John Ruschke, Hatch Mott MacDonald and Secretary: Marguerite L. Nemeth.
The Official Newspaper: New Jersey Herald and Sunday New Jersey Herald. Seconded by Mr. O'Connor.
Ayes: Cunningham, Law, McMickle, Wood, Harby, O'Connor and Watts. Nays: None. Abstained: None.

Mr. O'Connor motioned to approve the following Meeting Dates and 7:00 pm time. Seconded by Mr. Harby. All were in favor.

Wednesday January 29, 2014	Wednesday July 30, 2014
Wednesday February 26, 2014	Wednesday August 27, 2014
Wednesday March 26, 2014	Wednesday September 24, 2014
Wednesday April 30, 2014	Wednesday October 29, 2014
Wednesday May 28, 2014	Wednesday November 19, 2014
Wednesday June 25, 2014	Wednesday December 17, 2014
Wednesday January 28, 2015 (reorganization)	

Ayes: Cunningham, Law, McMickle, Wood, Harby, O'Connor and Watts.
Nays: None. Abstained: None.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Cunningham motioned to approve the April 23, 2013 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Harby. Ayes: Cunningham, Watts, and Harby Nay: None. Abstained: Wood, O'Connor, Law and McMickle.

Mr. Watts motioned to approve the December 18, 2013 minutes. Seconded by Dr. Wood. Ayes: Wood, O'Connor, and Watts, Nay: None. Abstained: and Harby, Cunningham, Law and McMickle.

Correspondence: None

Bills/Vouchers: None

New / Old Business:

Main Street Historic Designation: The Commission discussed the report and how the property owners were not interested at this time on having Main Street designated Historic. Mr. Barr met with several of the property owners during the week to listen to their concerns and comments. Mr. Barr discussed his meeting with the property owners. Mr. Watts motioned to table the Main Street Historic Designation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harby. Ayes: Cunningham, Law, McMickle, Wood, Harby, O'Connor and Watts. Nays: None. Abstained: None.

Mr. Harby motioned to open the meeting for public comment. Seconded by Mr. Cunningham. All in favor.

The owner of Wilcox Press expressed her concern on what they could and could not do to their property. Mr. Watts explained how the Land Use Laws will pertain to the properties.

Mr. Besthorne asked about the benefits. Mr. McCabe discussed the possibility of grants. Ms. Faber discussed that the Town needs to deal with the everyday problems. Mr. Barr reassured that the concerns and comments have been taken seriously. He apologized to the Public and apologized to the commission members as they all worked very hard on the Designation Report.

Ayes: Cunningham, Law, McMickle, Wood, Harby, O'Connor and Watts. Nays: None. Abstained: None.

Chairman's agenda: Mr. Watts welcomed new members, Russell Law and Charlie McMickle.

Public Comment: Mr. Barr apologized to the Commission and thanked them for all their work. Mr. Harby mentioned how the property owners do not realize the advantage of having the Historic Designation. Mr. Harby also discussed with the commission that the commission does not want it to be like Cape May but the people think that's how it would be.

Mr. Barr discussed that Marion Wood will be named Hamburg Borough's official Historian.

The Secretary will prepare a certificate for Mr. Rude.

Adjournment: Motioned by Mr. Harby and Seconded by Mr. O'Connor at 8:12pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
by Marguerite L. Nemeth