HAMBURG HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

July 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Chairman Graham read the 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.

Chairman Graham invited all those present to participate in the flag salute.

Those in attendance were Chairman Graham and Charles McMickle. John Haig and Guy Harby were not in attendance. Wayne McCabe, Commission Historic Planner was also in attendance.

Dan Barr was sworn in as a Class B Historic Preservation Commission member.

Chairman Graham indicated there was a need for a Vice Chairman for the Commission. A motion was made by McMickle, second by Chairman Graham to appoint Dan Barr as Vice Chairman of the Commission.

A motion was made by McMickle, second by Chairman Graham to approve the April 23, 2018 meeting minutes with Barr abstaining.

A motion was made by McMickle, second by Chairman Graham to approve the payment of the invoice submitted by Wayne McCabe. Barr abstained.

The Commission acknowledges the correspondence from Ms. Beeman with the photograph of the Gingerbread Castle.

The Commission begins discussion on the Land Use Board application submitted by Comet Management which has not yet been deemed complete. The property is located at 13 and 15 Ames Boulevard. In his June 29, 2018 report, Board Planner Ken Nelson recommended that the Commission review the property for historic significance and determine whether it lies within the Historic Overlay. Lots 3 and 4 are located outside the historic overlay. The Commission discussed the property known as Lot 14 which is located within the Historic Overlay. Barr recalled a report of the NJDOT for the Route 23/Route 94 intersection project specifically the Orchard Street extension which mentioned Lot 14. The property had been the subject of an archeological dig. Indian artifacts were located. Barr reads the inventory from the report of some items located on Lot 14. The Borough was restricted from paving due to the significance of the artifacts.

Commission Secretary to prepare correspondence to send to the applicant's attorney. The attorney should also be provided with a copy of the Route 23/Route 94 intersection report with the details of the historic findings.

The Commission discusses the Land Use Board application submitted by James Vallila for the property located at 130 Route 23 which has not yet been deemed complete. The Board Planner suggested that the Commission review this property to determine whether it has an historic significance since the applicant is proposing to demolish the existing residential dwelling. Barr discusses the property and indicates that it was abandoned in the 1970s. Discussion continues on the proposal including parking which the applicant proposes for King Cole Road.

The Commission determines that while the home was built in the 19th century, it holds no historic significance. Commission Secretary to prepare correspondence to applicant indicating same.

Mayor Marino attends the meeting as a liaison since Councilman Fitzpatrick has resigned.

At 7:35 p.m. Chairman Graham opens the meeting the meeting to the public. No public comments. At 7:35 p.m. the meeting is closed to the public.

A motion is made at 7:35 pm to adjourn by McMickle, second by Barr with all in attendance in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Brick, Secretary

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