Township of Verona Landmarks Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes November 18, 2015

1. Call to order

Chairman Glenn Houthuysen called the meeting to order at 7:35 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)
- Ben Blinder excused
- Jane Eliasof
- Pat Hynes
- Michael Nochimson excused
- Dianne Oster
- Sandra Smith

4. Adoption of minutes from the 9-18-15 meeting

The meeting minutes from the September 18, 2015 were reviewed and accepted into the record.

5. Old business

- **a.** Town Survey Status:
 - Barton Ross and Partners is still interested in conducting the survey.
 - Chairman Houthuysen will generate a budget and then it will need to go to the town for approval.
 - Chairman Houthuysen and Vice Chairman Eliasof disused the grant application for the Town Survey.
 - The commission discussed the two types of surveys: comprehensive vs. intensive.

b. Annin Flag

- Terminal Construction is the new owner. The Commission should reach out to assess if they have interest in making Annin Flag a Verona Designated Landmark.
- **c.** Cloud Service: Box.com account set up VPLC documents. All history we have should be collected and uploaded perhaps via flash drives.
- **d.** Member information was verified.
- **e.** Steve Chait has expressed an interest in joining the commission. He will need to write a letter to the town council expressing his interest in becoming a member.

6. New Business

- **a.** Future landmark designation suggestions would be better determined once we have the survey.
- **b.** Budget review for submission to the town council.

- **c.** Chairman Houthuysen sent emails to Mitchell Stern (interim town manager) with the VLPC needs.
 - Town Survey and cost
 - VLPC budget for 2016
 - Use of township attorney rather than Planning Board attorney
 - Designation of properties with or without the owner's permission
 - Financial disclosure forms and nameplates for VLPC members
 - Microphones and town clerk at VLPC meetings.
 - VLPC meeting location Change
 - Storage location to store VLPC docs and papers
 - Change in name of commission to Verona Historical Preservation Commission
- **d.** Meetings for 2016
 - January 21
 - March 10 changed from St. Patrick's Day March 17
 - May 19
 - June 16
 - September 15
 - November 17
- e. Verona Volunteer Open House Tuesday, December 1
 - The commission will have a table.
 - Ms. Smith will create a banner and poster.
- **f.** Fair in the Square Saturday, December 5
 - Chairman Houthuysen will set up.
 - Requested commission members to attend 12 -3.
- **g.** Reviewed the old zoning ordinance with regard to historic buildings.
- **h.** Methodist Church: Ms. Smith will reach out to see if there is an interest in a plaque regarding the historic designation.
- i. Write ups on the two designated sites will be updated.
- 7. **Other business:** There was no other business.
- **8. Public participation:** There was no public participation
- 9. **Adjournment:** Chairman Houthuysen adjourned the meeting at 8:43pm. The next meeting is to be held on January 21, 2015.