

**Township of Verona
Landmarks Preservation Commission**

**Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2015**

1. Call to order

Chairman Glenn Houthuysen called the meeting to order at 7:33 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 - excused
- Cyndi Hawkins
- Pat Hynes
- Michael Nochimson - excused
- Dianne Oster
- Sandra Smith

4. Adoption of minutes from the 6-21-15 meeting

The meeting minutes from the May 21, 2015 were reviewed and accepted into the record.

5. Old business

a. Town Survey Status:

- Contract forwarded to attorney Michael Gannaio:
 - Barton Ross and Partners - \$9,400

b. Annin Flag – Chairman Houthuysen reached out to Carter Beard for discussion of making Annin Flag a Verona Designated Landmark.

c. Ben Blinder and Chairman Houthuysen attended the Montclair Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

- One of the interesting requests that was fielded was to position a satellite dish on a history building.
- Suggestion was that the commission should plan on attending a meeting in the fall.

d. New Jersey History and Historic Preservation 2015 Conference held in Mt. Laurel June 3-4.

- Diane Oster attended the conference that included interesting education sessions. She participated in three of those sessions.

- **“Combatting Demolition by Neglect”**
 - a. Requests for demolition because a building has been left to deteriorate.
 - b. In NJ what you should look at are the IBC International Building Code and the IRC International Residential Code.
 - c. Laws in NJ for abandoned properties mostly affects the inner city.
- **“Applying the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for rehabilitation to Residential Properties”**
 - a. Demolition and new construction: does it fit within the neighborhood?
 - b. Original vs. new material alternative.
 - c. Sustainability was discussed.
- **“Students to Seniors: Adapting New Jersey’s Historic School Buildings”**
 - a. 1890 to 1930 was the progressive era and schools built then later became out of date.
 - b. There has been some conversion from schools to Senior Housing.
- Opening speaker: Ruth Abram
- Closing speaker was Elizabeth Silkes, Executive Director of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience.

6. New Business

- a. Historic Homes
 - 70 Fairview Ave. has been sold. Chairman Houthuysen reached out to Greg Mascera for more information about any plans that may be requested for the property but has not heard back.
 - Ms. Smith will check the mailbox at Town Hall and will gather the history we have previously documented on properties.
- b. Mr. Martin follow-up
 - Resolution for reappointment of commission members.
 - Vice Chairman Eliasof and Ms. Smith – June 2015
 - Nameplates
 - Copies of Guidelines.
- c. Mr. Hynes had an older version of the Ordinance dated 12-3-2001 Section 150 – 63 G & H where the need for homeowner consent for a property to become identified is addressed. (Scanned addendum.)

7. **Other business:** There was no other business.

8. **Public participation:** There was no public participation

9. **Adjournment:** Chairman Houthuysen adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm. The next meeting is to be held on June September 17, 2015.