Township of Verona Landmarks Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes November 17, 2016

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)
- Steve Chait
- Jane Eliasof excused
- Joe Hallock
- Pat Hynes
- Michael Nochimson
- Dianne Oster
- Sandra Smith

4. Adoption of minutes from the 7-15-15 meeting

The meeting minutes from the September 15 meeting were reviewed and accepted into the record.

5. Old business

- a. Town Survey Status
 - Barton Ross Has begun the survey.
 - Chairman Houthuysen shared a list of homes he has already identified.
 - Mapping is in process.
 - Mr. Hallock noted that the cluster of homes raised the idea of historic districts.
 - Ms. Smith brought up that the southwest quadrant of Verona was originally developed by Gilbert Pease as Sunnyside Heights.
 - Barton Ross will have the report pulled together later this fall.

b. Annin Flag

- Councilman Nochimson has had positive dialogue with the new owners.
 - Chairman Houthuysen will email Councilman Nochimson a letter to set up discussion of Annin in the next couple of weeks.

c. Matt Cavallo

• Chairman Houthuysen is looking for answers on the agenda that was previously presented, Councilman Nochimson will be able to facilitate the information needed.

- **d.** Plaques for designated Historic structures.
 - Ms. Smith has contacted the Methodist Church who has agreed to install a plaque.
 - She will confirm the date of dedication and research with the town any design requirements before researching prices.
- e. Hathaway House
 - Councilman Nochimson has had discussion with Bob Williams about the township purchasing the property.
- 6. New Business
 - **a.** Properties that should lead the list for potential identification:
 - 190 Grove the Brower House
 - 110 Claremont the Priest House
 - Verona Civic Center
 - **b.** Mr. Hynes suggested that we acquire the names of the owners, possibly from the tax assessor's office. Letters then could be sent to the homeowners.
 - **c.** Workshops: the commission has conducted a workshop in the past and this needs to be revisited.
 - **d.** Change of name to Verona Historic Preservation Commission. Needs to be changed by ordinance. Name change to VHPC this is approved but the name will need to be changed in the Landmarks ordinance.
 - e. Kips Castle: Mr. Hallock and Councilman Nochimson discussed Kips Castle.
 - **f.** Ms. Smith will confirm that the meeting room for the commission is reserved for published dates in 2017.
- 7. **Other business:** There was no other business.
- **8. Public participation:** There was no public participation
- 9. **Adjournment:** Chairman Houthuysen adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm. The next meeting is to be held on January 19, 2017.