

CHATHAM BOROUGH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

October 19, 2021

7:30 p.m.

Chairman James Greener called this Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. by way of Zoom.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10: 4-6 et. seq. adequate notices of this meeting have been provided by including same in the Annual Notice, copies of which were posted on the official bulletin board on the main floor of Borough Hall, emailed to the Chatham Courier, and the Daily Record, on January 27, 2021.

Names	Present	Absent
James J. Greener, Chrmn.	X	
Frank Truilo, Council Member	X	
Carolyn Dempsey, Council Member	X	
Catherine Chin	X	
Lynn Magrane	X	
Liz Holler, Recording Secretary	X	

Public Comment

There was none.

Discussion Items

HPC Flag Award Update

Commissioners settled on a date to present the HPC Flag Award to John & Maria Perry for the excellent renovation work they had done on their home at 157 Watchung Ave. The gathering will be held on Friday, October 29th at 2 p.m. on the front lawn of the honored home.

Chrmn. Greener noted that Brian Siegel, the architect for the renovation, will also be available for the presentation ceremony. Borough Administrator Steve Williams has expressed an interest in attending.

Design Guidelines

Council Member Truilo suggested the HPC do a soft launch of the Design Guidelines.

Council Member Truilo explained a new process that could be done for construction applications that are submitted for structures in the Borough's Historic District. He would like the reviews of the applications to begin with the Chatham Borough Zoning Officer. Chrmn. Greener agreed, if the buildings were within the Historic District. They both agreed that the HPC should be the "gate-keepers" for these types of applications.

Future HPC Membership

Commissioners briefly discussed the membership roster for the coming year. Chrmn. Greener questioned whether a Borough Council Liaison could vote on items that come before the HPC? He didn't think so. Council Member Truilo didn't believe he should serve as Vice Chrmn. of the HPC. That position should really be for a non-elective Commissioner. Council Member Dempsey had a resident in mind. She will touch base with him.

Miscellaneous

Returning to the Flag Award, Council Member Truilo suggested some publicity be done for this event. In the future, residents should be encouraged to vote on homes/buildings that should be considered for the award. A nomination button on the HPC's website has been installed for voting on any future candidates.

Council Member Dempsey volunteered to do a press release for this event and include some photos.

On other matters, Council Truilo stated that he would like the HPC to weigh in on the preliminary design for Post Office Plaza. This will probably take place in the new year.

Mrs. Magrane said she will reach out to the Chatham Historical Society to try and recruit new members.

Council Member Truilo made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 15, 2021 and September 21, 2021 Historic Preservation meetings as submitted. Mrs. Magrane seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. The motion pass unanimously. Both sets of minutes were approved.

Returning to the HPC Flag issue, Council Member Truilo suggested for next year's HPC budget, the Commission consider designating money for two flags, not just one.

Council Member Dempsey suggested this particular budget item, for two flags, would be somewhere between \$300 to \$500.

Council Member Dempsey reported that Susan Allen is currently researching how the Chatham Historic Preservation Commission was formed. She will sent copies of Mrs. Allen's findings to Commissioners.

Council Member Dempsey gave an update on Stanley Hall. A Steering Committee is being formed to help determine the future of this building. Former Stanley Church members would like to create a collection of Stanley Church's history to be put on display in the building. Susan Allen and Amy Crandall from the Chatham Historical Society are working on this display. A Blue Grass band will be holding a concert at the Stanley Hall the afternoon of October 31st. The attendance will be limited to 100 attendees because of Covid. Seating for the audience will be spaced according to Covid regulations.

Council Member Dempsey noted that further renovation work needs to be done on Stanley Hall. Fortunately, the former congregation had installed a brand new sound system before they left.

Chrmn. Greener told Council Member Dempsey to let Commissioners know if they can be of any help with the Stanley Hall project.

Mrs. Chin said she may not be able to attend the HPC Flag Award on October 29th; however, she will try to swing by after work. Council Member Dempsey noted that unfortunately she may have Jury Duty on that day.

At 8:14 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

The next Chatham Borough Historic Preservation Commission Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Holler

Recording Secretary