

CHATHAM BOROUGH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Reorganization and Regular Meeting

January 15, 2019

7:30 p.m.

Chairman James Greener called this Reorganization and Regular Meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. in Room 212, middle level, Chatham Borough Hall. Mr. Greener read aloud the following notice:

Pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq. adequate notice of this meeting has 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, the Daily Record, and the Alternative Press on January 3, 2019 and was filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Names	Present	Absent
James J. Greener	X	
Mindy Pitonyak		X
Frank Truilo	X	
Eleanor Smith	X	
Barbara Farricker	X	
Catherine Chin	X	
Council Member Carolyn Dempsey	X	
Liz Holler – Minutes Secretary		X – at a Shade Tree Meeting

Vice Chairman Frank Truilo kindly took the meeting minutes in Ms. Holler's absence.

Administration of Oaths of Office

Mindy Pitonyak was not present to be sworn in.

Barbara Farricker signed her Oath of Office, becoming a Regular Member of the Historic Preservation Commission.

On other matters, Council Member Dempsey questioned the recent application regarding 250 Main Street, the former DJ Crater store – pastry shop vs. Italian restaurant vs. Steak & Seafood restaurant.

Motion to Adopt Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the November 20, 2018 Historic Preservation Commission meeting were approved as submitted.

Reorganization Resolutions for 2019

Commissioners unanimously approved the following resolutions:

Resolution #19-01: Resolution Establishing the 2019 HPC Meeting schedule

Resolution #19-02: Resolution Designating the Official Newspapers for the Publication of Legal Notices for the Year 2019

Resolution #19-03: Resolution electing the Historic Preservation Commission Officers for the Year 2019:

Chairman: James Greener

Vice Chairman: Frank Truilo

Café Roma Application

Commissioners reviewed the application for the proposed awnings for the restaurant moving into the store unit 250 Main Street (formerly DJ Crater's).

Commissioners liked the colored contrasts of the awnings. They felt the cross b---- "Café Roma" should be eliminated, and the right awning should match the left side without the logo.

Future HPC Goals

Commissioners discussed making the HPC a much stronger entity that would have binding authority, instead of the current advisory capacity. All agreed that this would be a good step forward.

A suggestion was made that the HPC hold a meeting with the Madison Construction Office to discuss the permitting process and who enforces the recommendations made by the HPC.

The Commission decided that seven members would be the best number to accommodate the projected workload before the HPC.

A suggestion was made that HPC representatives meet with Borough Administrator Steve Williams, Borough Attorney James Lott, and Mayor Harris to

ascertain the contract with the Madison Construction Office and to review any issues with permits. This group could also review the proposed changes that had been made to the Historic District ordinance.

Commissioners discussed possibly extending the Historic District along Fairmount Avenue. Also, a suggestion was made that the HPC coordinate with the Chatham Historical Society to discuss the historic structures along Fairmount Avenue.

At 8:54 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

The next Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 7:30 p.m., Room 212, middle level, Chatham Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Holler
Recording Secretary