

CHATHAM BOROUGH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
November 17, 20207:30 p.m.

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

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 27, 2020 and was filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Names	Present	Absent
James J. Greener, Chrmn.	X	
Mindy Pitonyak		X
Frank Truilo, Vice Chrmn.	X	
Catherine Chin		X
Council Member Carolyn Dempsey	X	
Liz Holler – Minutes Clerk	X	

A legal quorum of Commissioners was not present.

Public Comment

There was none.

Adoption of Minutes

The meeting minutes of the November 17, 2020 HPC meeting will be reviewed at a future meeting when a quorum is present.

Discussion Items

Final review/comments on recently released final draft of HPC Guidelines

Commissioners felt that Vince DeNave, the Borough Zoning Officer and Engineer, Mayor Kobylarz and Borough Administrator Steve Williams, should review the final draft for any last comments and suggestions. Chrmn. Greener will send them each a link to the new guidelines. Ms. Holler will be included.

Council Member Dempsey asked that it be made clear to these three that their feedback is really needed on these guidelines. Hopefully, Mr. DeNave and Mr. Williams could give advice on how to effectively present these guidelines to the public.

Chrmn. Greener pointed out that the current draft of the guidelines is quite large and needs to shrink to a smaller format to be easily downloaded from the Borough website.

Council Member Dempsey suggested that the Borough Council Members be given copies of the original guidelines published in the early 1980s. They can then compare it with the new digitable version.

Commissioners discussed the new restaurants that have recently opened on Main Street. They seem to be doing well with take-out and sidewalk dining.

Flag Award. Review of applicant and list of potential candidates

Commissioners discussed a particular local home that has recently gone through a major renovation. They will ask the architect if he had any before or after photos of this home.

There was some question where the actual award flag was located these days. Chrmn. Greener will contact Mindy Pitonyak, whose home was once awarded the flag. Maybe she would know its whereabouts.

Commissioners discussed the application which homeowners can fill out to try for the Flag Award.

Council Member Dempsey suggested that this application be made more user-friendly so possible applicants will not be discouraged.

Ms. Holler will look around Borough Hall for the original Flag Award application.

Vice Chrmn. Truilo felt the HPC could try and make the Flag Award a yearly event.

Historic Commission: Member Status. Potential new members

Council Member Dempsey had a potential new member in mind. She will reach out to him.

Ms. Holler will email Chrmn. Greener some names from the Chatham Historical Society.

At 8:50 p.m. the Zoom gathering ended.

The next Chatham Borough Historic Preservation Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 7:30 p.m. It will be a Zoom meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Holler
Recording Secretary