

FRANKLIN BOROUGH  
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes 9/15/ 2021

Meeting called to order 7:03 p.m.

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Statement of Compliance (as read from the agenda)

**Attendance: Present-** Phillip R. Crabb- Chairman, Mayor John Sowden, Charles Postas, Sr., Judy Williams, Jeffrey Garrity, Donald DeVore, Connie Cholminski, Dr. Earl Verbeek- Advisory, John Postas entered 7:14. Absent- none

**PRESENTATION:** no presentations scheduled.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of 7/21/21 motion by C.Postas,/JGarrity, passed unanimously. Minutes of 8/18/21 motion by J.Williams/C.Postas. Abstain were Cholminski, DeVore, Garrity, Postas. Passed

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** No bills at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE: 1.** Email from Peggy Askew involving the discussion of the previous Neighborhood House/Hungarian Church lot and building. She had inquired if the parcel would be for sale, and Mr. Crabb responded that the Borough did not intend to sell it.

2. Letter of correspondence was sent to the Planning Board regarding Mogul Enterprises LLC application Block 609, Lots 20, 21, 22, 23 from Franklin Borough Historical Commission expressing no objection and no contingencies.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. William Penn Foundation Grant- Knowledge Advancement-** Phil Crabb has spoken with Debbie Koulics, and has a conversation scheduled with her Friday, 9/17/21 for possible funding for the ES-Hungarian Church roof

**B. Kirby Grant-** The FBHC will be researching the Kirby Foundation for grants and reaching out to Tom Jones for guidance.

### **C. Discussion of Historic District Definition**

Maps, definition, and delineation of properties continued. . There was continued discussion and review of the proposed Historic District and what looks like the final draft. Each property would be a “case by case” situation. Members of the Commission are encouraged to look over the historic district for final draft.

**APPLICATIONS TO BE HEARD:** none

**APPLICATIONS TO BE CONTINUED:** none

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS:** none.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.** 150-154 Main Street- Preliminary discussion. The outside of the building will not change. It will have apartments inside.

**B.** Edison Schoolhouse/ Hungarian Church restoration discussion. There needs to be clarity from Wm. Penn, Kirby, and Tom Jones on the best way to proceed. One way is through the Boro and taxpayers, and another way is through funding through the state. A sale representative has looked at the cedar shakes for the roof to see what estimate can be provided for its value.

The critical point: should the historical route be pursued to finish the building? FBHC will reach out to Wm. Penn Foundation to have a visit and a potential time line for plans.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:** no public

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** none

**Adjournment-** motion by J.Postas, second by C. Cholminski. Adjourned 8:30  
Next meeting planned for October 20, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

*Judy Williams*

Judy Williams/ FBHC secretary

