

FRANKLIN BOROUGH
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes 6/16/2021

Meeting called to order 7:04 p.m.

Flag Salute

Statement of Compliance (as read from the agenda)

Attendance: Present- Phillip R. Crabb- Chairman, Mayor John Sowden (ex-officio), John Postas –Borough Council Liaison. Advisory: Absent: Dr. Earl Verbeek- Franklin Mineral Museum liaison

Members: Connie Cholminski, Donald DeVore, Jeffrey Garrity, Charles Postas, Sr., Judy Williams. No one was absent.

PRESENTATION: J & J Farms- Developer was scheduled, but did not appear at this meeting, to review his planned design, work, and rehabilitation of the former Fitz John property on Main Street. Brief discussion on what is currently being done at the site. There will be a possible schedule date for next month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Devore, second by C.Postas to accept the minutes. Mr. Crabb suggested using the last names for clarification in names.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: No bills at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Discussion continued about the **Trotter Off-Site visit and event.** Concern was expressed about the Kittatinny ledge, and care would need to be taken so as not to encourage it to break off. Continued discussion of clearing the fluorescent wall and promoting it.

Steve Phillips will give permission to use the Trotter offsite property for a proposed viewing toward the conclusion of the September 24/25 (Saturday and Sunday) Mineral Show event. An insurance coverage rider would be needed. The Franklin Historical Commission would utilize Facebook among other avenues to promote the viewing.

B. William Penn Foundation Grant- Knowledge Advancement

(application) (Education level) \$150,000 grant. Phil Crabb will be exploring this further. Two key elements to emphasize about Franklin’s history are **diversity and immigration**.

C. Discussion of Historic District Definition

The board continued to discuss and review the outline of a potential historic district in Franklin. A resolution was suggested by Crabb. The Franklin Historic Commission submits the Historic District Map .

Mayor Sowden shared thoughts/questions to the board on possible inclusion of the Lime Kiln on Cork Hill Road, Farber’s Quarry, East side of Wildcat Road near the Immaculate Conception Church. There was also discussion on extension of the western border of town.

With guidance and discussion, possibly go back to the outline of the map and include parts of Wildcat Road near the “Laner Corner”, Immaculate, Fowler, the west side of Davis Road including the Van Horn Farm. There will be continued discussion and review of the proposed Historic District.

APPLICATIONS TO BE HEARD/RESOLUTIONS- no applications or resolutions at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Ralph Bonard- **Parker Shaft-** he has made application for a Sussex County Historic Marker to note this important location in Franklin History
- B. Mr. Crabb noted that might the **Franklin Mineral Museum** location also be an important site to recognize with a Historic Marker? Judy Williams informed the FBHPC that Franklin Mineral Museum (FMM), through the work of Dr. Earl Verbeek, Mark Boyer, and herself, submitted an application for a historic marker for the FMM in May.

No public session

Adjournment: meeting was adjourned 8:17 pm. Next meeting planned for July 21, 2021.

