

FRANKLIN BOROUGH  
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes 11/ 17/ 2021

Meeting called to order 7:14 p.m.

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Statement of Compliance (as read from the agenda)

**Attendance: Present-** Phillip R. Crabb- Chairman, Donald DeVore, Charles Postas, Sr., Judy Williams, **Absent:** Dr. Earl Verbeek- Advisory, John Postas, Mayor John Sowden (excused, hit a deer on way home), Connie Cholminski (excused, conflict with another meeting), Jeffrey Garrity.

**PRESENTATION:** no presentations scheduled.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of 10 /20 /21- motion Charles Postas, second by Don DeVore. Passed unanimously.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter dated November 4, 2021 from Phillip Crabb, chair of Franklin Borough Historical Commission, to Mayor and Council and Planning Board regarding the FBHC Franklin Borough Historic Significance Zoning Map so both parties could see it at the same time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. William Penn Foundation Grant- Knowledge Advancement-** the application is stagnant at this time. Waiting to possibly hear more at a later date.

**Kirby Grant-** The FBHC will be applying to the Kirby Foundation for grants. Tom Jones has some connections with the Kirby Foundation. There is a March deadline.

**B. Presentation of Historic Significance Map-** to Mayor and Council and Council on November 9, 2021. This is the first step for future planning regarding historic designation.

**C. Franklin Borough GIS Project-** No word yet from the Sussex County office. We could do it ourselves. More discussion to follow.

**D. Discussion about having a Franklin Borough video done-** this conversation was initiated by Don DeVore with some other interested parties who have done some work for Sterling and Palmerton.

It is a topical discussion “Mining in America” - local town promotional video including such areas as the Open-Cut/Franklin Pond, NJ Zinc Co. and ruins. Details will continue to be explored. Conceptual at this point.

**APPLICATIONS TO BE HEARD:** none

**APPLICATIONS TO BE CONTINUED:** none

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS:** none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Discussion of Donald Kovach’s former office-** it is in the B-2 zone which has restrictions prohibiting apartments on the first floor. This has always been a business building.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:** Motion by C.Postas/P.Crabb to open to public  
Motion by C. Postas/P.Crabb to close to public. No public in attendance.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** nothing to add

**Adjournment-** motion by D.DeVore, second by C.Postas. Adjourned 7:50 pm.  
Next meeting planned for December 15, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

*Judy Williams*

Judy Williams/ FBHC secretary