

FRANKLIN BOROUGH
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes 8/18/ 2021

Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m.

Flag Salute

Statement of Compliance (as read from the agenda)

Attendance: Present- Phillip R. Crabb- Chairman, Mayor John Sowden, Charles Postas, Sr., Judy Williams **Absent:** Connie Cholminski, Donald DeVore, Jeffrey Garrity, John Postas, Dr. Earl Verbeek, advisory.

PRESENTATION: J & J Farms- Developer and owner Jesse Dawson, of 151 Main Street (Previous Fitz John property) Lot 6, Block 17, to discuss and review his planned design, work, and rehabilitation of the former Fitz John property on Main Street. Commercial property is designed for the front of the building. A tenant is being pursued. In regard to Mogul Enterprises, the FBHPC has reviewed the plans for 151 Main Street. As per agreement with the applicant, continue with consistent right side elevation to scale, and continue on front façade with aged brick veneer as per the application. This would entail a 2 foot brick knee wall in front exterior of the building. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: No bills at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. William Penn Foundation Grant- Knowledge Advancement- Phil Crabb has spoken with Debbie Koulics and will be in contact with her again.

B. Kirby Grant- The FBHC will be researching the Kirby Foundation for grants

C. Discussion of Historic District Definition

Maps, definition, and delineation of properties continued. The board continued to discuss and review the outline of a potential historic district in Franklin. There

will be continued discussion and review of the proposed Historic District. It was determined that when time for an application process, the Planning/Zoning Secretary can decide who needs the maps, and how many maps are needed for the review of the application.

D. Application for Historic Marker- definitions, Franklin Mineral Museum (Open-Cut / Buckwheat), and Parker Shaft/Mine

Judy brought up about the funding and proofreading for the historic markers. She will be following up with the FMM marker. A copy of the historic marker email information will be forwarded to Phil Crabb so he may follow up with the Parker Shaft/Mine marker.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS- Resolved that the applicant, Jesse Dawson, of J & J Farms, Lot 6, Block 17, 151 Main Street, continue with the consistent right side elevation to scale, and continue on the front façade with aged brick veneer as per the application with a two foot front brick knee wall.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Edison Schoolhouse/Hungarian Church restoration on hold right now
- B. Brief discussion on the oak tree at Franklin School, and making it a “recognized” tree in NJ. The tree qualifies, but no current state funding.

Open public session- no public

Board Member Comments- none

Adjournment- motion by Charlie Postas, second by Judy Williams. Adjourned 8:02 Next meeting planned for September 15, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Williams

Judy Williams/ FBHC secretary

