Minutes of the Metuchen Historic Preservation Committee Regular Meeting June 24, 2021

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Chair Nancy Zerbe called the June 24, 2021, regularly scheduled meeting of the Metuchen Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) to order at 7:35 p.m.; the meeting was held virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions. The chair announced that the Borough of Metuchen had posted public notice of the meeting in accordance with New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act and that instructions for participating in the Zoom meeting were publicly posted.

Attendance: Suzanne Andrews, Lori Chambers, Steven Patrick, Lisa Anne Michaloski, Richard Miller, Nancy Zerbe; and Tyler Kandel (council liaison)

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

New Member: The committee welcomed new member Lisa Anne Michaloski. Lisa is an anthropologist specializing in archaeology and has a certificate in historic preservation.

Review of Minutes: The minutes of the May 27, 2021, regular meeting, recorded by Steven Patrick, were reviewed; Lori Chambers/Richard Miller (M/S/C, unanimous) to approve.

New Jersey Historic Trust Grant: Nancy Zerbe reported that consultant proposals for the grant project are due June 25; the borough intends to move quickly to review the proposals and select a consultant. The committee discussed the importance of informing the public about the grant work; in addition, the committee opened a discussion of key public messages in regards to any potential historic preservation ordinance.

Historic Preservation Element of the Municipal Master Plan: Nancy Zerbe reported that planner Chris Cosenza has shared the draft document with Jim Considine for his feedback. Nancy continues to work with Chris to finalize the Appendix.

Public Outreach Video: Steve Patrick reported on the work of the video subcommittee. He has invited Lauren Pressley, a local radio personality, to do the voiceover, and she has agreed to participate. A meeting is scheduled for June 29 with Brandon Uhlig, Metuchen's media director.

FaceBook Page: Nancy Zerbe reported on the work of the FaceBook subcommittee, in the absence of Steve Kitsko. Nancy proposed that the committee consider two new posts:

- Appointment of Lisa Anne Michaloski to the HPC; Steve Patrick/Lori Chambers (M/S/C, unanimous).
- Announcement of a consultant being selected for the New Jersey Historic Trust Grant; Steve Patrick/Lori Chambers (M/S/C, unanimous).

HPC Logo. The two Metuchen High School students submitted three designs for an HPC logo. The committee agreed to review the designs via email as Nancy was unable to share them via the Zoom platform at this time.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lori Chambers, HPC secretary