

**Tuckerton Historic Preservation Advisory Commission**

**January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Call of Meeting to Order**

Keegan Vreeland called the Tuckerton Historic Preservation Advisory Commission meeting to order on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 PM in Borough Hall.

Open Public Meeting Act Statement: *“Provisions of the open public meeting act have been complied with, as notice was published to the Beacon and Asbury Park Press, stating the time, date, and place of this meeting.”*

**Roll Call / Attendance**

Barbara Brojack	A	Tom McAndrew	X
Doris Mathisen	X	Keegan Vreeland	X
Frank D’Amore, liaison/non-voting	X	Keith Vreeland	X
Neil Saunders	X	Elliott Garcia	X

Keegan Vreeland led the salute to the flag.

Reorganization – Tom McAndrew moved to reappoint Keegan Vreeland as Chairman for the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission. It was seconded by Keith Vreeland. It was moved by the majority of the Committee. Keegan Vreeland abstained. Keith Vreeland moved to appoint Tom McAndrew as Co-Chairman which was seconded by Keegan Vreeland. It was moved by the majority of the Committee. Tom McAndrew abstained.

Mayor Marshall swore in Neil Saunders and Keith Vreeland to the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission.

**Old Business**

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for the September 2019 meeting of the Tuckerton Historic Preservation Advisory Commission were circulated. Keegan Vreeland made a motion to approve the minutes with changes, seconded by Tom McAndrew. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**Logged Hours:** Landmarks Commission recognizes their member’s donation of time and knowledge for studies and research along with attendance of the monthly meetings and

available workshops / seminars for the months of September, October, November, and December 2019.

Barbara Brojack	A	Tom McAndrew	4
Doris Mathisen	4	Keegan Vreeland	8
Neil Saunders	A	Keith Vreeland	8
		Elliott Garcia	4

**Facebook page:** It was determined that there are three admins. to the Facebook page. These people include Barbara Brojack, Keegan Vreeland, and Jen McEwan. Furthermore it was discussed that we give Jenny Gleghorn, Borough Administrator/Borough Clerk, control of the Facebook Page. Samantha Hollberg, the temporary Recording Secretary, is going to speak with Jenny Gleghorn about this, and report back next meeting. There are 48 members to date.

**Historic Properties:** Keegan noted that there have been no updates to the historic property inventory, as the Commission focuses on the CLG application process.

**CLG application:** Keith Vreeland stated that since Jonathan Kinney came back with the corrections for the CLG application, the application has been passed on to Chris Connors to revise. Once the revisions are made, the application will be sent back to Jonathan Kinney to review again.

**Tuckerton website:** No updates at this time.

**Tree-lined streets project:** Keegan Vreeland stated that he works with someone who buys trees in bulk. He offered to reach out to this person and inquire if we would be able to buy the trees next time he makes an order so the trees would be cheaper.

Frank D'Amore wanted some more information on the Tree-lined streets project. Neil Saunders explained that the street near him (Clay Street) there were only a couple of trees left. Him and some of his neighbors thought it would be a nice idea if the streets could be lined with the same type of trees. The thought is that if we could make the street look presentable with these trees, more people from out of town may be interested in visiting Tuckerton to see the trees. This would lead to an increase in tourism for the town as well as help the local economy. The goal eventually is to have other streets in the town see how successful the tree-lined project is and follow by lining their streets with a specific type of tree.

Keith Vreeland added that the neighbors have chosen Dogwood trees because it is native to New Jersey and they are not too big or hard to maintain. Keegan Vreeland added the pricing for

different Dogwood trees. He stated that 4ft to 6ft trees are \$85 each, 7ft to 8ft are \$115 each, and 9ft to 10ft trees are \$145 each. He then stated that he thought the 7ft to 8ft trees would be the ones that are used. Everyone agreed with this. It was noted that the each neighbor was in charge of buying the trees that would be planted on their property.

Frank D'Amore then asked how we are getting the word out to all the residents on the street that would be taking part in this project. Neil Saunders said he has talked to some of the neighbors already. Frank D'Amore suggested maybe we send out a letter with the town letter head on it to make everyone on the street aware of what is going on. Neil Saunders and the rest of the council agreed that is a good idea.

Neil Saunders offered that once everything is set and we have obtained the trees, he would be able to get the man power together to plant the trees when the time came.

**Grist Mill/Old Borough Hall:** Frank D'Amore stated that the town was looking into maybe leasing out the Old Borough Hall. The town believes this would be a good idea because they would still have some control over the property. However, the town must do more research because there may be a conflict with the oil tanks. They would also need to work out some sort of agreement with leasers because they will still need some of the space for old records. Keith Vreeland agreed that this would be a better use of the property than just letting it sit there.

Frank D'Amore also brought up that the town is looking for grant money to fix up the bulkhead at the Grist Mill as well as maybe the bulkheads at Scowl Landing and Bartlett Landings. He suggested that once these are cleaned up, maybe the town could lease these as well. Continually, Frank asked how historic these properties are.

Keith Vreeland offered that he knows a historic preservation specialist named Margret Westfield who will come to Tuckerton for a small fee and give use historic information on properties around town as well as help us apply for grant money together for these properties.

Frank D'Amore agreed that having a specialist come in, would not be a bad idea and wanted to remind everyone that the Committee should be looking long term.

### **New Business**

**Committee Reports:** No Committee Reports

**Members Forum:** No Members Forum

**Invoice:** Neil Saunders moved, seconded by Keith Vreeland, to pay the invoices of \$75.00 to Secretary Samantha Hollberg for Secretarial Services for the month of January 2019. It was so moved with unanimous member consent via roll call.

## **Public Forum**

Mayor Marshall had a couple questions on the CLG application. She wanted to know how long the Committee has been in the process of trying to obtain a CLG. She continues by stating that we have done everything right, including getting help from other municipalities that have received CLG's. She asked if having the mayor send an email to the state would help get the ball rolling. Keith Vreeland stated that would not hurt and that he would get her the email address. Keegan Vreeland and Neil Saunders agreed with the Mayor, that the application process was taking very long, but they have seen more movement in the last couple months than they have in the last year or so.

Keith Vreeland moves to close public forum, which was seconded by Neil Saunders. It was so moved by unanimous vote.

**Adjournment:** To close this meeting Neil Saunders moved, seconded by Keith Vreeland. The motion was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Hollberg, Historic Preservation Committee Secretary