

Tuckerton Historic Preservation Advisory Commission

January 2, 2019

Barbara Brojack called the Tuckerton Historic Preservation Advisory Commission meeting to order on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 7:06 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	X	Tom McAndrew	X
Doris Mathisen	X	Keegan Vreeland	X
Frank D’Amore, liaison/non-voting	X	Keith Vreeland	X

Also present at this meeting were Mayor Sue Marshall, Councilman Keith Vreeland and Cynthia Coritz, Environmental Commission chair.

Barbara Brojack led the salute to the flag.

Reorganization and voting in of chair and vice chair: Mayor Marshall swore in the new and returning members of the Tuckerton Historic Preservation Advisory Commission for the year 2019: returning members Keegan Vreeland, Doris Mathisen (term exp 2021), Barbara Brojack (term exp 2021), and Tom McAndrew; and new members Keith Vreeland, Class A (term exp 2019) and Frank D’Amore, liaison to Tuckerton Borough Council.

Keegan Vreeland was nominated to serve as Chair of the Commission by Tom McAndrew. The motion was seconded by Keith Vreeland and passed by unanimous vote. Keegan abstained.

Barbara Brojack was nominated to serve as Vice Chair of the Commission by Keith Vreeland. Doris Mathisen seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote. Barbara abstained.

After the Commission reorganization, Keegan assumed control of the meeting as the incoming Chairman.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the December 2018 meeting of the Tuckerton Historic Preservation Advisory Commission were circulated. Doris Mathisen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Keith Vreeland. 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 month of December 2018.

Barbara Brojack	1	Tom McAndrew	1
Doris Mathisen	2	Keegan Vreeland	3
Frank D'Amore	0	Keith Vreeland	0

Old Business:

Tuckerton website: All current member biographies and photos have been posted to the Tuckerton Borough website, with the exception of new members Frank and Keith. New members will be added as information is made available. The web administrator reminds the Commission that events and special notices may be added to the website and Facebook page at the discretion of the Commission.

Facebook page: No new members were added this month. 48 total members to date.

Town Clock: There have been no updates with regard to the Commission's request to use county land at the corner of Route 9 and North Green Street to house a town clock. The commission agreed that it may be best to consider alternative locations rather than delay this project indefinitely. Two locales that were discussed were at Water Street and Main and at the site of old Borough Hall, either of which could be part of a larger project to draw pedestrian traffic to the center of town. The commission members agreed that an area large enough to allow for benches/seating, with adjacent parking, would be better suited.

Keith inquired as to the historic significance or reason for the Town Clock project. Doris answered that the Commission felt it would help distinguish the center of town and that it would offer a place for plaques to acknowledge or memorialize distinguished residents in the future. Keith suggested that a better location may be found as the Commission moves forward in their work with Margaret Westfield.

CLG/Grant Opportunities/Historic Properties:

Barbara Brojack and Doris Mathisen will comprise the subcommittee for the CLG application process. They have made a start on the CLG application, completing what they are able, and will forward to Keith Vreeland for review and additions when done.

Barbara spoke to Jonathan Kinney at the state, who is awaiting receipt of the new ordinance and our CLG application. Keith Vreeland has asked Jenny Gleghorn to upload the new ordinance to the Tuckerton website. The latest Master Plan must also be made available to share with Jonathan.

The next step is to have the updated survey added to the budget and completed. Keith Vreeland recommended that the Commission request \$2,500 to engage the services of a consultant (such as Margaret Westwood) to expedite this part of the process. The updated map may cost \$20,000 but if that can be given as a loan, it may be paid back in the form of grants for streetscaping, open spaces, etc.

The Historic Preservation Advisory Commission is currently seeking new members. Frank D'Amore has been sworn in as a non-voting member liaison to town council. Per the new ordinance, the Commission should be comprised of at least 5 members, plus one alternate and a Land Use liaison. Keith Vreeland has offered his guidance and has been sworn in as a member, Class A, until such time as a historic architect is seated on the Commission. All interested parties should send a letter of interest to Mayor Sue Marshall. A notice has been posted on the Facebook page. The Commission must also name a Land Use Board liaison for 2019. The Commission has identified three potential Historic Preservation Advisory Commission candidates. Mayor Marshall mentioned that she is still in talks with Neil Saunders, but he may have a scheduling conflict for Wednesday meetings. She also reached out to Ken Poirot, former lawyer to the Land Use Board, but she hasn't heard back. Barbara mentioned a part-time Tuckerton Beach resident, a female architect. She will reach out to gauge her interest.

Keith urged the Commission to discuss the disposition of old Borough Hall and the Grist Mill property. A few entities have expressed interest in the Grist Mill. If the Commission is serious about their desire for a closed street or thoroughfare at one of these sites, they must propose their recommendations to Town Council to help ensure that any new use of them makes sense from a historic and current needs standpoint, and puts these properties back on the town's tax roll.

New Business:

New Projects Committee: Keegan Vreeland proposed an open exchange of ideas between meetings, to prioritize new initiatives and bring them to the Commission for discussion and approval. Barbara Brojack asked Keegan to take the lead on this. No discussion outside of scheduled monthly meetings may include a quorum (majority) of members.

Barbara asked Keegan about possible future opportunities to partner with the Eagle Scouts. Keegan will reach out to inquire.

Members Forum: Tom asked if there are rules governing the Commission that regulate how often meetings must occur. Keith responded that he will make inquiries into that legislation.

Public Forum: Doris made a motion to open the Public Forum, seconded by Keith. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote at 7:34pm.

Barbara recognized and welcomed Cynthia Coritz, Chair of Tuckerton's Environmental Commission, who was present at the meeting. Cynthia had no comments for the Commission, but wanted to observe the proceedings. Mayor Sue Marshall was also present and thanked the Commission members for their service, wishing them a happy new year.

The Public Forum closed at 7:37pm.

Invoice: Doris Mathisen moved, seconded by Keith Vreeland, to pay the invoice of \$75.00 to Secretary Jennifer McEwan for Secretarial Services for the month of January 2019. It was so moved with unanimous member consent via roll call.

Adjournment: To close this meeting Keegan Vreeland motioned, seconded by Keith Vreeland. The motion was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer McEwan, Tuckerton Landmarks Commission Secretary