

**Minutes of the Metuchen Historic Preservation Committee Regular Meeting
April 28, 2022**

**Metuchen Borough Hall
500 Main Street, 2nd Floor
Metuchen, New Jersey**

Chair Nancy Zerbe called the April 28, 2022, regularly scheduled meeting of the Metuchen Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) to order at 7:45 p.m. 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.

Attendance: Lori Chambers, Brian Keenan, Isaac Kremer, Lisa Michaloski, Tommy Mullins, Steven Patrick, and Nancy Zerbe

Guest Presenter: Barton Ross, consultant for our New Jersey Historic Trust grant project

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Review of Minutes: The minutes of the March 24, 2022, meeting were reviewed; Tommy Mullins/Steve Patrick (M/S/C, unanimous) to approve.

Historic Preservation Ordinance Project / Presentation by Barton Ross

Barton Ross presented the draft ordinance and reviewed it with the committee, answering members' questions and receiving initial feedback / suggestions. The committee agreed to the following process for individual, close reviews by members:

- Members have until May 8 to review and provide comments / questions to Nancy Zerbe.
- Nancy will consolidate reviews and coordinate with Tyler Kandel (council liaison) on providing feedback to Barton by May 12.
- Revised draft provided by Barton for review by committee by May 26.

Review of Main Street Project

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the HPC was asked to review and provide an opinion on several historic preservation issues relevant to the state-funded Main Street Project. Upon review, committee members agreed to raise no objections with the following exceptions:

- We do *not* recommend incorporating the "colored architectural lighting" but do recommend improved lighting to the train bridge in general.
- We would like to see examples / images of the "Victorian style" railings and other elements to assess appropriateness.

Tommy Mullins/Brian Keenan (M/S/C, unanimous with abstention by Isaac Kremer) to approve.

HPC Video

Due to the meeting running over, the committee did not have sufficient time to review the revised video. Nancy will therefore share a link for committee members' review by May 1, with a goal of having the video ready for public debut in May, which is National Historic Preservation Month.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Lori Chambers, HPC Secretary

2022 Meetings

May 26

June 23

July 28

Aug 25

Sept 22

Oct 27

Dec 1 (combined Nov/Dec meeting)