



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 20, 2025 - 7:30 PM

Virtual Webex Meeting

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Chair Levine opened the meeting at approximately 7:30 pm:

1. Roll Call

Class A Commissioners

Karen Marlowe, Vice Chair
Anina Rossen -Absent

Class B Commissioners

Jacob Levine, Chair
Gretchen Schumann
David Wright
Jason Martinek
Vacant

Alternates

Vacant (Class A)
Julie McCourt(Class B)

Summer Jones, Village Council Liaison
William Sullivan, Commission Counsel
Ojetti Davis, Recording Secretary

2. Meeting Notice Statement

Chair Levine read the following statement:

Adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the press in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A 10:4-6. In addition, notice of this meeting was posted in Village Hall and on the Village's website, and has been filed in the Office of the Village Clerk. Official action may be taken.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular meeting held on January 16, 2025:



Ms. Marlowe moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 16th, seconded by Mr. Martinek. All members were in favor and none opposed. Mr. Wright abstained.

4. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

5. Old Business

- A. Library Update – Councilwoman Jones mentioned the project is over budget. The Village Council introduced and adopted a bond ordinance at their February 10th meeting, for 1 million dollars to help with the cost of the Library. It is scheduled for 2nd reading and adoption on March 10th.

6. Discussion/Follow Up/Action Items

- A. Village Council Report:
The Village Hall restaurant is rebranding and changing the name to Felina's Steak House and they will be changing the name of the beer garden as well.
- B. Local landmark designation and FAQ:
Chair Levine reached out to the historic district associations to see if they would be interested in hosting a meeting. The Historic Preservation Society had no interest but the Montrose Historic District are willing to host a meeting. The Montrose District is requesting to host the meeting at the Baird on behalf of the HPC in the event of a large turnout. Councilwoman Jones will reach out to Administrator Doran to see if it can be accommodated without cost.

Mr. Sullivan updated the board on the JESPY House project. The Planning Board has approved the application and they are planning to apply for a demolition permit. The board discussed the items that are supposed to be preserved.

In addition, the board discussed the current vacancies. Councilwoman Jones suggested adding a blurb to the quarterly Gaslight Edition.

7. Subcommittee Updates

There were no reports.

8. Public Comments

There were no questions or comments from the public.



9. Next Meeting Date

A. Thursday, March 20, 2025

10. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Wright moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Schumann. All members were in favor and none opposed. Chair Levine adjourned the meeting at approximately 8 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Ojetti Davis
Recording Secretary