

MEETING MINUTES

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

April 12, 2017
Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Councilman Rodgers, Mr. Colaizzo, Ms. Crifasi, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Vere, Mr. Godlewski

Planning Board Members: Mr. Byrne, Mr. Sadlej, and Mr. Cowell

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:30PM

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE: Adequate notice of this regular Caldwell Historic Preservation Commission meeting was given on January 6, 2017 in the Progress. Notice was posted on the bulletin board of the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, NJ. All persons requesting notice were sent same.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 20, 2017

Motioned by Ms. Crifasi, Seconded by Mr. Kaplan. All present voted in the affirmative

AGENDA:

1. Landmark Designation
 - White residence - they are interested
 - “Mustard” colored house - Ms. Crifasi will continue to contact. The owners may not want their house to be designated. This is an example of a style of home that is not built anymore. This property appears on the 1859 map, as Mr. Chesney’s house
 - Knollwood house - Mr. Kaplan will call
2. Possible new Commission members:
 - Mr. Steve McGinness. He comes to historic themed events
 - Mr. Godlewski will follow up.
3. Library Ceremony
 - QR Codes. Ms. Crifasi and Mr. Cummings have done work with the elementary school children
4. Sorting the Mail:
 - Still looking for it.

- Ms. Crifasi will contact Rep. Frelinghuysen
- Mr. Kaplan will call the Regional Postmaster

HPC ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Mr. Colaizzo, seconded by Mr. Kaplan. All present voted in favor
Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM

SPECIAL MEETING:

Special informal meeting with Planning Board to discuss the Master Plan was started at 8:00PM.

Highlights:

1. Historical Preservation Elements:

- HP Ordinance will be used as guideline
- Suggestions for historic sites or districts, with possible adoption in June.
- Update of the 1986 Survey
- Impose Traffic Study on proposals
- Caldwell needs design guidelines
 - i. Conditional zoning
 - ii. Zoning Ordinances
- Possible re-investment in historical properties
- Possible Bed and Breakfast
- Housing above stores - improve the quality of the housing above the stores
- Cannot change facades unless in meets historic guidelines. Suggestion: incentive to store owners to bring buildings back to their historic look
- Designate potential historic structures
 - i. Certificates of Appropriateness
- 75 year 'tear down' restriction
- Re-do historic plan element (Ms. Crifasi will help)
- Improve lighting
- Organize areas by type