

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2022

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by J. Luongo. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law (Chapter 231 P.L. 1975), this meeting was announced by posting a notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building reserved for that purpose, by sending such notice to the offices of the official newspaper of the Township and filing such notice with the Township Clerk.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Joe Luongo, Cheryl Cook Polverino, Michael Berman, Neil Garguilo, David Seme, Kevin Marshall, Township rep Maureen Fasano

**Absent:** Meg Thomann, Todd Caissie, Cody Brooke

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:** Neil approved the minutes from February meeting and Cookie seconded the motion.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Miscellaneous correspondence from MCHC.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Joe discussed two correspondences from MCHC. The NJ History seminar in Trenton on June 3, and the Preservation New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund, which is rich with grant information. Joe reiterated the need for grants to build Henderson Park, as the funds used to currently restore the barn will not be available to build the park. Joe expressed the need for all the Commission to become involved in attaining the required grants to complete the park, because once the land is available, the grants need to be in place. Cookie emphasized the need to start researching now. David introduced a new historic resource that is specifically of interest to the Commission, and generally in the Township's interest. The Hall's Mill site, adjacent to the construction of CR 524 and Halls Mill Road, and accessible only through Clayton & McGirr Funeral Home, has been a project of his, and the Commission agreed to pursue historic data pursuant to its guidelines. David is in communication with Bob McGirr, and will be coordinating the Commission's efforts. Joe reported that Sal Faenza, proprietor of the Skillet, would like to show his appreciation to the Commission by inviting it to a soft opening of the restaurant, and Friday, April 1, was the date agreed upon. 413 Broadway, a landmarked location, will be demolished as uninhabitable and dangerous, per Pete Valesi, thereby bypassing Chapter 190, Article XXI, subsection 190-233, paragraph F of the Municipal Code.

**HERITAGE SOCIETY:** The yard sale/bake sale/car show scheduled for April 16 has been rescheduled for the Weekend at Old Monmouth, April 30, and May 1. Staffing was discussed and a schedule will be determined. Saturday will run from 9AM-4PM, Sunday, Noon-4PM. Baked goods are needed. May 15 will host a Garden Tea at a cost of \$30 per person. The Monmouth County clerk's office requested that the Heritage Society produce a display at its location and it will feature West Freehold Village sometime in June. Woodshed roof needs replacing. Cedar shake style estimated at \$8800. Richard Smith endeavoring to have the material donated.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Cemetery clean up scheduled for first week of April. ID cards are delayed as security needs a part which is on order. Michael reported on status of the updated Historic Resource Report. Georgia Rd. Schoolhouse porch needs repair through Heritage Society, possibly in May.

**Motion to adjourn** was made by Kevin and seconded by Neil

