



# Boonton Historic Preservation Commission

Agenda for Wednesday, July 5, 2023 –7:30 PM Boonton Town Hall

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## CALL TO ORDER (7:30 EST)

## OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## ROLL CALL

- Zeke Balan – *Chair, Town Council Representative* - Present
- Elliott Ruga - *Vice Chair* - Present
- Ian Brastow – *Secretary* - Present
- Patricia Bujtas - Present
- Adrienne Eoga - Present
- Jeff Smith - Absent

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

211 Cornelia St. June meeting – contributing structure of the Boonton Ironworks Residential Historical District and is individually listed on the State and National register of historic places. (Approved with edits, Adriane Abstained)

## APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

1. 920 Main Street, Historic Ap – Beverly Tindall
  - 920 is currently being rented by Town Antiques. The applicant has a NJ business certificate and is currently working with Patrik on the occupancy certificates. The applicant is looking for a sign approval so that the sign can be made. Additionally, the applicant plans to add a bracket for a projected sign. The material for the design is still to be determined. The rendering will appear to be wood if not made of wood itself. The sign will need to be 10 ft from the bottom of the sign to the sidewalk. The commission has a signage company that does real wood signs if the applicant needs additional recommendations. No canopy will be present. – Approved with conformance to the 10 foot height requirement.

## DISCUSSION

Old Business:

- 1) Update on Rockaway Street historic marker
  - No update since last month. Elliott and Patti should work on verbiage together. Elliott has the actual application for the Rockaway district which may prove useful information for the sign’s wording. Patti will reach out to Neil for the letter to residents described in last month's meeting. This mailer should be designed to be used for all historic districts and properties.



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## New Business:

- 1) Presentation on Master Plan Recommendations (Zeke or Elliott?)
  - The goal will be to make an action report on (review/statement on recommendation). It will be appropriate to address the recommendations from 2018 before taking action on new items not found in the Master Plan. – Support of present members to go through Master Plan recommendations. Master plan is available on the website.
- 2) Discussion on Fulfilling the remaining Master Plan Recommendations
  - Candidate Districts and Sites (Table 21) would be an area to focus on immediately. One of the primary recommendations of the Master Plan is that the commission prepare and adopt an updated historic survey (adopting either the county survey or prepare our own). The first step would be to determine how much a survey of this sort would cost before creating a formal recommendation. To make an informed recommendation, the first step would be to request a presentation from the town planner and/or attorney to determine if we can make a recommendation on historical merits. This process will include benchmarking with other towns who have created similar historic districts and an information campaign for residents in the Flats region. For next meeting, the commission should look at Table 21 in more depth and collect their thoughts on each of the sites/districts listed therein and add any sites that the members might be aware of that are not listed.
- 3) Resolution to Award Plaque to Miller-Kingsland House (roll call vote)
  - Elliott Motions that we award a plaque to this property. Patti seconds and mentions that we should make a press release (All voted in favor)
- 4) Resolution to Award Plaque to DL&W Railroad Station (roll call vote)
  - Same as above

## Additional Topics:

- 1) Ironworks Complex Historic District Council Vote on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
  - An ordinance is drafted for the first new historic district since 1980. The vote will occur on Monday July 10<sup>th</sup>. The site will include DPW, Gracelord park, the section of trails between those two sites, and the private lots owned by River Watch. These areas have been designated at the State level and will be reviewed for National level. This vote will be the first step in making it a Historic District on the Municipal level. The next step is a review by the Planning Board followed by a second council vote which will be in August. There will be no public comment prior to the presentation but there will be the normal public comment period after the meeting. The next planning board meeting will be July 12<sup>th</sup> where they will be deliberating on the ordinance's consistency with the Master Plan.
- 2) New Members:
  - John Saltenbuger and Ian Brastow are two potential new members. Zeke also asked the woman who informed Zeke about the historic four square that was demolished and subdivided. Ian is still interested.



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### 3) Boonton Smoke and Deli:

- The costs they got back on the stucco quote was high so the applicant is getting more bids on the stucco repair. There is also a question on brackets. One contractor suggested another option that would look the same but made from a fiberglass encased Styrofoam. The commission is open to any adjustments, but any changes would need to be brought back for review.

### 4) The Flag on the BFW:

- There are paint chips on the mural. Patrick should point this out. BFW has a plan to sell the building to the PBA while retaining the use of the building for their meetings, but the second floor would be available to the PBA.

**TOWN COUNCIL REPORT** – *Council Member Balan*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**ADJOURN**

**Adjourned 8:45**