



HATTERTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE ZOOM MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2020

Present:

Chris Layda-Chair, Joel Mallin-Vice Chair, Bruce Degen-Secretary, Joan Petersen-Commissioner, Kelly Iander-Commissioner, Don Lococo-Alt. Commissioner, Christine Degen-Alt. Commissioner, Sally Jones-Alt-Commissioner

Also present: District and local Residents:

Debbie Mallin, Lisa Layda, Ned Jones

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

The Minutes of the last meeting, 10/10/19, reviewed and accepted.

The election of Officers.

Motion by Bruce Degen, to run a slate of candidates: Chris Layda-Chair, Joel Mallin-Vice Chair, Bruce Degen-Secretary, as there were no other nominees. The slate was approved. Joan Petersen moved to call for a vote, Chris Degen, seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The Selection of dates for the 2021 meetings of the HHC:

1/14/21, 4/8/21, 7/8/21, 10/7/21 were chosen. Joan Petersen moved to accept, Joel Mallin seconded. The vote was unanimous to accept.

Chris Layda led a discussion of several topics of concern with traffic and road signage and safety.

1. Hattertown Road is a NO THRU TRUCKS road with signs designating so, yet there are huge trucks going through. The danger due to size of trucks, the vibrations from the great weight and damage to historic stone foundations of the buildings and the wells, by trucks that do not have business in Newtown, the route is suggested on GPS and Google maps, which is part of the problem. Also the section of Hattertown Road, Monroe, is not signed as a NO THRU TRUCKS road. Chris recommended speaking to the Newtown Chief of Police about the matter and seeing if the Monroe Police could be contacted by Newtown to bring the two sections into line as there is nowhere for a truck to turn off at the town line.

2. Discussion of possibility of street signs with the older more historic design, white lettering on black, the round pole, in the area of the HHD, with upgraded reflective white paint, to replace the newer more obtrusive signs.

3. Safety. The stop signs at the green often ignored, cars roll through. Replace with signs with more reflective paint? (Not increase in size) and repaint the white lines on

the road at the stop signs. Additional sign below the STOP on Hattertown NB at Castle Meadow indicating that oncoming traffic does not stop (including left turns) as NB traffic does not yield to the turning cars which have the right of way. There are accidents at this intersection. Discussion that Head of the Highway Department would be the one to speak to.

4. Safety and appearance. Is it possible to use side barriers on the HHD roadways that resemble those recently installed on the Merritt Parkway which are wood reinforced with dark metal instead of the shiny all-metal barriers that have been installed on Hattertown Road? Those materials are more harmonious with the Historic District.

Chris Layda volunteered to make contact with both the Highway Dept. and the Police Department.

Bruce Degen moved for him to represent the District and do so. Kelly Landers seconded. Vote was unanimous.

The meeting was called to a close at 7:33.

Minutes Submitted by Bruce Degen, Secretary.