

Historic Preservation Commission Township of Cranbury

23-A North Main Street
Cranbury, New Jersey 08512

TO: Mayor Ferrante and Township Committee

FROM: Susan Ryan, 2022 HPC Chair
Steven Golisano, 2022 HPC Vice-Chair

RE: 2022 Year End Report

DATE: April 4, 2023

The following and the attachment are the annual report being provided to the Township Committee from the Historic Preservation Commission for your review.

Membership

- All members remained in their current positions from 2021 to the 2022 year.
- Ms. Susan Ryan was elected Chairperson and Mr. Steven Golisano was elected Vice-Chairperson for 2022.
- Ms. Susan Ryan and Ms. Roberta (Bobbie) Marlowe were reappointed by the Mayor for a term of four years (January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2025) and Gerard (Guy) Geier was reappointed Alt II for a term of two years (January 1, 2022 – December 21, 2023). Matt Scott was designated the Township Committee Liaison for the HPC.

Completed Work

- HPC received a total of 36 Certificate of Approval applications (major and minor) within the Historic District and Buffer Area during 2022. The actions report is attached for review.
- HPC had 17 scheduled regular meetings, with 7 meetings canceled due to lack of applications and/or business.
- HPC generated 12 new homeowner letters of homes sold within the Cranbury Historic District and Buffer Area.

Education/Training 2022

- On June 3, 2022 “2022 NJ History and Historic Preservation Conference” located at the Trenton War Memorial, Trenton, NJ and was attended by the following member: Susan Ryan – 7.25 Hours for Each Member = 7.25 Hours Total
- October 18, 2022 Traditional Building Webinar on “Preserving the Integrity of the American Front Porch” was attended by David Szabo for 1 hour and viewed by Susan Ryan for 1 Hour, 2 Hours total for HPC members.
- Total of 9.25 Hours of training for the HPC Members in 2022.

2022 Accomplishments

Several accomplishments were met in 2022 by the HPC Members and are as follows:

- Signage initiative – created an inventory of proposed signage landmarking the historic district and had a preliminary alignment to request for funding in the Township budget.

- Submitted application and was approved for the 2023 CLG Grant.
- Conveyed aspirations to the Owner of the Camden Amboy Train Depot and advised the owner of the importance of the train depot to Cranbury Township's history to preserve the depot.
- Recertified for the Certified Local Government (Cranbury HPC has been CLG since 2009).
- Donated books to the new Cranbury Public Library.

2023 Goals

- Working with the Owner of the Camden Amboy train depot located at 2 – 4 Cranbury Station Road to preserve the depot.
- Completing Phase I of signage initiative.
- Executing the CLG grant with the chosen consultant, Richard Grubb & Associates, regarding the additional properties being added for a more contiguous Cranbury Village Historic District and updating the inventory in the State database.
- Nominating Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District to the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Researching grants available to fund the State and National Registry nomination form.
- Reviewing the identified historic sites from the Master Plan and revising the owners and sites still existing. Subsequently send property owners a letter advising them of the possible designation of the site to confirm the owner will be interested.
- Approving budget for the signage initiative.
- Increasing public outreach of HPC activities, for example, setting up a table at one of the community events or posting the Year End Report on the Township website.

HPC appreciates the support of the Township Committee and continues to serve Cranbury in accordance with Township Code Chapters 21 and 93.

Thank you,

Susan Ryan
2022 HPC Chairperson