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**HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE
MEETING
WEDNESDAY MARCH 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM
32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, MI
AGENDA**

The Village Historic District Study Committee will not be assembling to meet at a physical place; the meeting will be held electronically via “Zoom.us®”, in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, as amended by 2020 PA 228.

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- I. Meeting Called to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Adoption of Minutes
 - A. February 05, 2020
- V. Unfinished Business
- VI. Review Draft Report Form
- VII. Public Comments
- VIII. Adjournment

Posted: March 4, 2021

Heather Mydloski
Village Clerk

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Village of Franklin, Michigan
Public Notice for Virtual Meeting of the Historic District Study Committee via
“Zoom.us ©” Scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2021

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- To help meeting flow and organization, all public comment otherwise known as citizens to be heard, will be taken at the beginning of the meeting and as outlined on the agenda.
 - Video conferencing audience: To make a comment, use the “raise your hand” feature. When recognized by the Chairman, please wait to be un-muted, then state your name and express your interest when called upon to do so.
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**Village of Franklin
Historic District Study Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 5, 2020 6:00 P.M.
At the Franklin Village Hall – Broughton House
32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, MI**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Meeting of the Historic District Study Committee was called to order by Gary Roberts, Chairman, at the Franklin Village Hall – Broughton House, 32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, Michigan at 6:07 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Gary Roberts, Historic District Commission; Eileen Harryvan, Historic District Commission; Fred Gallasch, Village Council, Amanda Davis Historic Preservation Consultant

Absent: Nena Downing

Also Present: Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**Motion by Davis, seconded by Gallasch to approve the agenda, as presented.
Motion was approved unanimously.**

IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of October 9, 2019

**Motion by Davis, seconded by Harryvan to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2019, as presented.
Motion was approved unanimously.**

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Review of Possible Properties to be included.

Roberts, Davis, and Harryvan had a meeting with Alan Higgins, Certified Local Government Coordinator, from SHPO, about contiguous and non-contiguous contextual categories of historical structures.

Because of the retirement of the State Preservation Officer who was also the head of SHPO (It's a political process and a new Officer had not been appointed by the Governor), Higgins stated that he would be happy to consult with Franklin on current initiatives and any other problem the Village had.

In terms of the District, contiguous contextual properties, such as, the Church, were not controversial. However, the non-contiguous contextual properties, meaning they were more of the same (farm, agricultural-related buildings but they did not abut, such as the house on Wing Lake and Lamott's house on Scenic), troubled Roberts. Higgins felt that distinguishing them as such was acceptable to make them part of the district. Instead of creating a lot of single resource districts, make those non-contiguous contextual properties the same part of the district. The third category was non-contiguous non-contextual, such as Haddad's house on Cheviot Hills which

was not an 1800's farm house but a 1960 mid-century modern house. Higgins thought that the Haddad house was a single resource non-contiguous contextual property and confirmed the Commissioners' thoughts that it should be pursued as such.

The Commissioners' agreement that the District should include these three (3) categories would be presented to Council in HDC's report.

Regarding the research on the Church, Davis, and Roberts had gone there and found a lot of historical documents but still needed more information in order to fill out the new forms Davis had just received from SHPO.

In order for all the Commissioners to understand what information was needed for each property, Davis distributed copies of the SHPO form. She requested that anyone who could provide any facts and/or history about a particular property to please do so. It was her understanding that Downing would be looking through the Historical Society's files for every property on the "perspective" list. She listed all those on which she had received information. There were updates on those perspective properties, which specific members of the committee were pursuing. However, better contact information, including title history, for some of the properties (Wing Lake, Romany Way, Hamilton, and Farynk) and owners on the list was requested, as urgency was a concern. Pulker will send the information to all the committee members and Roberts will send a letter to those specific owners. Davis stated that once she has all the information it would take her about an hour to complete each form for each property. Roberts will set up a time with Lamott to meet him and Davis at the museum to do further research.

Davis said she needed to visit each house, gather the information about the construction, take a photograph, and write the architectural description.

FCA

Roberts updated the committee on recent developments, i.e. the title search by FCA of some of the property it claimed to own. In the Study Committee's report to Council, he would be recommending that the Village Council incorporate the contested "teardrop shaped" land, which was in the middle of Village property, into the District. Hansen did not want to do this, but he believed that no one needed anyone's permission to do this and felt the property was just as historic as the Village property, including the sledding hill. This was specifically pertinent especially now that the Church was in favor of being placed in the District. Roberts confirmed that nothing would change, i.e. its use as recreational property, if it were to be included in the District, other than the fact that the title would better protect the land from being sold off for a commercial or residential use. The report to Council should explain why this was important to the Village. He would speak with Hansen.

Roberts clarified that the Village owned three (3) separate landscape parcels, which needed to be included in the District. Davis thought the property could be treated as one (1) cultural landscape comprised of three (3) separate parcels. In the letter to Council would be the history and the statement of significance supporting the argument for inclusion into the District.

Roberts began a conversation about the Church and the fact that the building itself was not historical (70 years old); however, the entity (Methodist Church) was the oldest in town and goes back to 1820 when it was located on German Mill before it moved to a bigger building at its current location. Because of this, it was the oldest continuously run, running entity in the Village.

As such, he inquired if the church was a candidate for the National Registry. Davis was not sure. Roberts suggested that the establishment and continuity of the entity would be important. Davis questioned if the Church was in the National Register Historic District. If not the consideration of applying for the National Registry would be another intensive research project.

Pulker mentioned that Council wanted an update from the Study Committee. Gallasch would give one at the next Council meeting.

A “Things to Do” List was compiled. Davis would send an email to the Committee members if she needed additional information and for what.

Roberts reported that the Pickering Farm would be gone soon; however, the Village had received some items.

Harryvan shared some historical information about the archaeological dig in the wooded area behind the Police Department building and the Native American burial ground which had been found there. Davis noted that that information might be relevant to the survey. She would contact SHPO Archeology Department.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public was present, no comments were made.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Davis to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk