

*Minutes of the Boonton Historic Preservation Commission
Date: February 5, 2020*

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Present

Elliott Ruga - *Chair*

Jeff Smith – *Vice Chair*

Patricia Bujitas

Tamra Katcher

Faith Frankel – *Recording Secretary*

Absent:

Adrienne Eoga

Board of Alderman Representative – to be named by Mayor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 15, 2020 were approved.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

Bloomery Flower Studio, 137 Plane Street

Applicant: Shaun Checke, Owner

The business moved from its previous Main Street location. The new location is within the jurisdiction of the ordinance that protects historic resources.

Application is for flush mount signage. The sign will be as described in application. The sign is a 48-inch version of the company's logo, made of thin veneer and flush mounted to the building.

There was some discussion about the interesting history of the building and the hope for more business activity in the area. ER noted that there is a plan for the trail that is going in.

Mr. Checke described some of his plans for his florist consulting business and his hopes that the area near the building would attract activity in the future. Currently, retail floral business is not competitive with large stores, so his focus is weddings and major events for clients from a widespread tri-state area. He is eager to mount his new sign and attract business. He hopes to place a blade sign on the other side of the building in the future. TK moved to accept the application, and all voted to approve the application.

TK asked if the Bloomery would be at the Farmers' Market this year. SC said they would try but they have to balance that with working on the business. They are proud to be (according to ER) the "first new business on Plane Street in over a hundred years." Mr. Checke also expressed interest in possibly joining the Historic Preservation Commission.

DISCUSSION

ER said he has been in discussions with the mayor regarding appointing a new representative to the commission from the Board of Alderman; the mayor will recommend a name.

ER reported having attended the Board of Alderman meeting on Monday to invite the Alderman for a tour of the trail. Town Planner Jeffrey Jenota gave a presentation on Highlands Conformance at that meeting. They had been working towards that but with the new administration, the new Aldermen had many questions that were beyond Mr. Jenota's scope, so the Mayor asked ER to come up and answer questions. ER said if the town does conform to the Highlands Regional Master Plan, there are grants available for the planning, development, and protection of scenic resources and trails.

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.