



# Boonton Historic Preservation Commission

Agenda for Wednesday, January 7, 2026 –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**

Ian Brastow – *Secretary - Present*

Zeke Balan - *Town Council Representative - Present*

Patricia Bujtas - Present

Adrienne Eoga - Present

Betty McGrath - Present

Miachael Wade - Present

Philip Lepore - Absent

Sheila Donovan – Alternate - Absent

Irene LeFebvre – Alternate - Absent

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes will be reviewed next meeting.

## **APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW**

1) 929 Main Street – Banner/Flushmount/Lighting Application

- 1) The application is only for lighting. The electrical components are already in place. The applicant provided exact features for review. The applicant will be installing two lighting fixtures to light both signs. – Zeke motioned to approve as discussed, unanimous.

## **DISCUSSION**

Old Business:

1. Rockaway Historic District Sign
  - a. Patti will reach out to Elliotte to get an update on the sign.

New Business:

1. Reorganization Meeting
  - a. Betty McGrath was nominated as chair and unanimously approved
  - b. Ian Brastow was nominated for both vice-chair and secretary and unanimously approved for both positions.

Additional Topics:

1. Ordinance Violations
  - a. There is an inflatable snow man on Mainstreet which does not align with the historic district and potentially poses a safety concern. We will have to look into our ordinances regarding sidewalks. If anyone notices an violations, please email Ian so he can pass it along. Zeke will also discuss regular enforcement of the district.
2. Ordinance Strengthening in response to the retaining wall demolition
  - a. Zeke was able to talk with various officials from the town regarding strengthening our historic ordinances. They agree that our zoning officer will look at neighboring towns regarding enforcement and adding language to strengthen our ordinances as it pertains

to retaining walls. The committee saw this primarily as an enforcement issue rather than an ordinance issue. We disagree. Pat will look to make proposal within several months to make recommendations. There was discussion on what corrective measures can be put into place to prevent a similar incident from occurring in the future. We should investigate what type of system is being used and what went wrong. We should also do outreach to owners who have historic properties and those who have retaining walls regarding preventative measures that can be undertaken preemptively. We should consider reaching out to Boonton Main Street and the Boonton Recreation Director about participating in First Friday events for education. Ian and Betty will coordinate regarding participating in main street events. We should also reach out to whoever runs the news letter for the town as well.

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

Discussed in the previous section.

**PUBLIC**

**COMMENTS**

**ADJOURN**

Respectfully

Submitted,

Ian Brastow

BHPC Secretary