

**Village of Franklin  
Historic District Study Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, April 4, 2018 6:00 P.M.  
At the Franklin Village Hall – Broughton House  
32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, Michigan**

**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, MI at 6:10 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Amanda Davis, Historic Preservation Consultant; Gary Roberts, Historic District Commission; Nena Downing, Historic Society; Fred Gallasch, Village Council  
Absent: Eileen Harryvan, Historic District Commission  
Also Present: Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Roberts requested that five (5) items be added to the agenda under **V. New Business: B. Discussions:** 1. What is the Mission and Goals of the Project, i.e. to include possible structures on the Historic District non-contiguous properties list?; 2. What Process is to be used for the Project?; 3. Establish a Target List of those homes to be considered; 4. Discuss the draft of a letter to be sent to those homeowners whose homes might be considered to be part of the District; and, 5. Discuss other possible marketing materials.

**Motion by Roberts, seconded by Downing to approve the agenda as amended.  
Motion was approved unanimously.**

**IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**A. Regular Meeting of December 6, 2017**

**Motion by Downing, seconded by Davis to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2017 as presented.**

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consider possible Historic District additions to the non-contiguous properties, including the following:**

- 1. 26475 Scenic Drive**
- 2. 25520 W. 13 Mile Road**

**B. Discussions**

1. Mission – To market the advantages of including those properties, if appropriate, into the Historic District and to identify as many of those candidates as possible which can be approached personally.
2. Create a Master List of possible properties: review the “Book of 30” properties which had been identified years ago (a copy of which would be distributed to all the members of the Study Committee) and the CCRG survey done in the late 90’s focusing on farmhouses in the Village (The Museum has a copy of

that survey). Also, research and possibly add those relevant properties which had been referred to the committee.

There was a discussion concerning the criteria which constituted an “historical property”, especially in terms of Franklin Village, i.e. age, uniqueness, architect, historical significance.

3. Davis will research documents that the Museum might have relevant to “historical properties”. She added that Ann Lamott might be the most knowledgeable of the barns in the Village.
4. Discussion about the April 3, 2018 draft of Roberts’ letter which each Committee member received.
5. Downing suggested that the brochures about what it means to be in the Historic District and were handed out at Round Up should be included with the letter. Roberts mentioned that Davis had a study which showed property values had increased when designated “historic”, and might be included in the body of the letter.

A special event at the Kreger House could be scheduled for those who received the letter and were interested in more information. Also invited could be current homeowners living in historically significant Franklin properties who could answer any specific questions and relate their experience with HDC. Pictures of historic homes which have received this special designation could be displayed. Downing suggested that pictures of the two houses that had been demolished could also be displayed.

Gallasch supported having the letter serve as an invitation to a future “get together”. Davis thought that “before” and “after” pictures might be good examples.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

The next meeting will be May 2, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Roberts to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

Submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

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Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk