

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

ORDINANCE NO. ORD: 18/05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 2-43, TITLED "HISTORICAL COMMITTEE", OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG, BY AMENDING SUBSECTION 2-43.3 TITLED "ORGANIZATION," BY AMENDING SUBSECTION 2-43.4 TITLED "POWERS AND DUTIES GENERALLY," AND BY ADDING SUBSECTION 2-43.6 TITLED "MEETINGS AND MINUTES."

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows¹:

Section 1. §2-43.3 "Organization" is hereby amended as follows:

The Committee shall organize immediately upon its appointment and elect from its members a Chairman, Vice-chairman and Secretary at its annual organization meeting. ~~The Committee shall have monthly meetings or meet on other occasions as it shall determine. The Secretary shall keep minutes and records of all meetings, including voting records and attendance. Minutes of meetings shall be forwarded to the Mayor and Council. All such material shall be public records.~~

Section 2. §2-43.4 "Powers and Duties Generally" is hereby amended as follows:

The powers and duties vested in the Historical Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. Research and record pertinent data relating to the history of the Borough of Watchung.
- b. Document, list and mark, where appropriate, historic buildings and sites within the Borough.
- c. Make recommendations to the Borough Council for the preservation or acquisition of historic sites.
- d. Advise residents of the Borough and the public as to points of interest of its historical heritage.
- e. Develop programs relating to the history of the Borough. Plans for any such programs shall first be brought to the Borough Council for approval prior to any announcement and/or implementation.
- f. Operate the Texier House Museum subject to approval by the Borough Council.

¹Editor's Note: The portions to be deleted are shown with strike-outs and will be deleted from the codified version of this Ordinance and the underlined portions will remain in the codified version of this Ordinance.

g. The Historical Committee shall also work with the Environmental Commission and Recreation Commission, whose responsibilities also include the acquisition of property. Before any recommendation is made to the Borough Council, that recommendation will be presented to the Environmental Commission and Recreation Commission for their comment, which comment will be forward to the Borough Council, with the Historical Committee's recommendation. The Historical Committee will also consult with any other committees, commissions or other body it deems appropriate.

Section 3. §2-43.6 "Meetings and Minutes" is hereby added as follows:

a. Schedule of Meetings. The Chairman of the Historical Committee shall annually, within the first two weeks of January, schedule a minimum of four quarterly meetings which will be posted on the Borough Website. Such meetings may be cancelled by the Chairman, within one week thereof. Notice of any cancellation must be posted on the Borough's Website.

b. Minutes. The Secretary of the Historical Committee shall keep minutes of all meetings of same. All minutes will be transmitted to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung within one week after approval. All such minutes are government records within the scope of the state's Open Public Records Act.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

Michelle DeRocco, Clerk

Stephen K. Pote, Mayor

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