Historic Preservation Commission August 2021 Meeting Minutes Addendum I

At the request of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), Andrea Tingey and Lindsay Thivierge of the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office made a presentation on developing an Historic Preservation Ordinance (HPO) and the benefits of becoming a Certified Local Government (CLG). The presentation was followed by an interactive question and answer period where the commissioners addressed questions relevant to the City of Lambertville and how a preservation ordinance would benefit the community, what is necessary to enact it, and the timing in obtaining approval.

The HPO representatives were encouraging and supportive of the City's efforts to develop the ordinance and offered guidance and assistance along the way. The benefits of becoming a CLG were discussed in detail and learning about the funding stream available to foster and promote preservation in the form of leadership and education programs for our municipal boards, workshops for the public and city officials, performing intensive level surveys of historic resources, preparing National Register nominations, among many other things was enlightening. The HPC will review a draft preservation ordinance at the September, 2021 meeting.

-submitted by Vice Chair Easton