

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
CRANBURY, NEW JERSEY  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY**

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Historic Preservation Commission was held in Town Hall, Cranbury, New Jersey, on July 15, 2008 beginning at 7:30 pm.

**STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE**

Pursuant of the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-5) was provided of this meeting's date, time, place and agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Township bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

**CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present Bobbie Marlowe, HPC Chair, called the meeting to order. Linda Scott performed as recording secretary.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Wayne Girardet, Diane Stasi, Alana Stops, Harry Williams and Chairwoman Bobbie Marlowe were present.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the June 17, 2008 meeting were not reviewed.

**APPLICATIONS**

11 South Main Street, (B35,L4) In Historic District, Classified C; homeowners Bill & Eileen Beam were present to discuss removal of a non-functioning chimney in the central portion of the home. Photos reveal that this chimney is barely visible from public. Proposed is to remove the exposed chimney to be level with the roof. They would like to re-roof the entire house with GAF Timberline shingles, similar in appearance with existing.

Another chimney located in the front portion of the house will be repaired with like bricks and in style design. Diane suggested that the coursing remain similar.

The built in yankee gutters will be repaired.

A verbal vote to approve this application as discussed with changes:

AYES: Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Stasi. Mr. Girardet, and Ms. Stops.

19 North Main Street, (B23,L109) In Historic District, Classified C; Owner Stuart Alexander and contractor Sal Golisano were present for the a field change to the rear entry door. On June 19, 2007, plans were approved for a single 4 pane window change in door style was made. The as built product for the approved now has a single entry window pane entry door with matching side lights and transom. HPC expressed their dismay for field changes and requested that should the contractor have future plan changes no matter who the applicant is, to return to HPC before making the physical change. Harry Williams feels that the installed door is more appropriate as a front entry door. Bobbie Marlowe concurred but expressed that being this door is a main entrance for the business in spite of being located in the rear. In closing, Stuart

Alexander stated that he was grateful to HPC for their suggestions and input throughout the building process.

A verbal roll call to approve this application as present:

AYES: Ms. Marlowe, Mr. Girardet, and Ms. Stops.

NAYS: Mr. Williams.

Record reflects that Ms. Stasi recused herself from this application.

91 North Main Street (B28,L7) In Historic District, Classified C; Homeowner Michael Cargill and contractor Sal Golisano were present for the demolition of an existing barn and to construct a new two car garage with a lean-to shed in the rear yard of property. The site plan indicates the current location which lies approximately 3' from the northern neighbors. The existing barn is leaning and left unattended will eventually fall down perhaps on a neighboring barn. Harry Williams asked about the construction. Michael said the barn was built in 1937 and used as a potato barn; it is not post and beam construction. The interior is high and open.

Bobbie Marlowe was concerned about setting precedence for the demo of the existing barn. She stated that demolition is a sensitive issue but feels that the supplied proposed plans are appropriate for the space. Alana Stops discussed the agricultural contribution the barn lends to the town. There are not many outbuildings left within Cranbury. Wayne reviewed the supplied photos, drawings, and plans. He stated that because of existing shrubbery the current structure cannot be seen from public view.

The proposed plans include moving it to a more appropriate location in the rear yard away from neighboring property lines. A two car, two story garage with a one story lean to is proposed. Shiplapped siding will be installed vertically as on current barn. Round gutters and downspouts leading to a collection barrel is proposed. A standing seam metal roof on both levels and four square windows with 3x3 mullions will be installed on the east elevation. HPC suggested installing sectioned mullion glass with the two cross buck wood garage doors to tie in with the windows. HPC also recommended recycling and reusing as much of the existing barn as possible especially on the front of structure. Sal agrees to the suggestion and recommendation.

A verbal roll call to approve this application as discussed:

AYES: Ms. Marlowe, Mr. Girardet and Mr. Williams.

NAYS: Ms. Stops.

Record reflects that Ms. Stasi recused herself from this application.

#### **ORDINARY MAINTENANCE APPLICATIONS**

14 Wynnewood Drive, (B23,L129) in Buffer Zone; application for minor application was received on June 18, 2008 to replace and change style of the front entrance door and front entrance storm door. Application was approved by Bobbie Marlowe.

29 Maplewood Ave. (B31, L3) In Historic District; application for ordinary maintenance was received on June 30, 2008. The existing roof shingles will be removed and new matching shingles installed. Supplied photos indicate existing fiberglass shingles. The freestanding garage/structure has a corrugated tin roof which is excluded from the reroofing application. Homeowners were verbally told that there may be yankee gutters on front of house roof line. No historic materials will be removed. Application deemed as ordinary maintenance according to §93-5.

5 Prospect Street, (B23,L35) In Historic District; application for ordinary maintenance was received on June 30, 2008. The existing front house roof shingles will be replaced with new matching shingles installed. Supplied photos indicate there is existing fiberglass shingles. Application deemed as ordinary maintenance according to §93-5.

**DISCUSSION**

Mr. Cargill inquired about the “barn park” on Cranbury Neck Road. Bobbie relayed that one barn is under the care of Lions Club. She explained that these barns collectively contribute to the agriculture history of different eras that Cranbury has seen in by gone days.

Bobbie will write a letter to the Township Committee asking for their support so HPC may apply to become CLG. She will email this to the secretary for proper submission. A motion was made by Diane, with a second by Alana, all in favor.

The next HPC meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup> may not have a quorum. Diane, Harry, and Wayne have plans where they will be unable to attend this meeting. As of this date, there is nothing on the agenda. The recording secretary will be out on medical leave. Kristen Hamilton has agreed to attend the meeting, should it not be canceled.

Save the Date flyer (November 22, 2008) at the Trenton Marriott Hotel has a phone number (609-984-0902) to obtain more information which should be called.

Diane Stasi inquired about shutters on 101 Plainsboro Road. They appear to have a flat look when she viewed them. Harry explained that the shutters were previously installed.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

There being no further business, a motion duly made by Bobbie Marlowe, seconded by Wayne Girardet and carried, the meeting was thereupon adjourned.

**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

I, undersigned, do hereby certify;

That I am the duly appointed secretary of the Cranbury Township Historic Preservation Commission and,

That the foregoing minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission, held on July 15, 2008 consisting of 3 pages, constitute a true and correct copy of the minutes of the said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name on this 2nd day of September 2008.

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Linda M. Scott, Recording Secretary