

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

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Historic Preservation Commission scheduled in Town Hall, Cranbury, New Jersey, on July 19, 2011, beginning at 7:30 pm was held.

CALL TO ORDER

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

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-5) was provided on December 2, 2010 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.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Driscoll, Mr. Girardet, Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Stasi, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Ziegler.

MINUTES

Minutes of June 21, 2011, were reviewed and approved with a motion by Mr. Girardet, second by Mr. Williams, all in favor. Ms. Stasi and Mr. Ziegler both recused themselves.

APPLICATION

24 North Main Street, (B23,L12) In Historic District; Mr. Joseph Primiano, Architect, was present to discuss updated plans showing the replacement 9 lite 2 panel entry door. He states that weather related conditions caused deterioration to the existing metal door; so a fiberglass door is the preferred replacement material. Bobbie referred to Chapter 93-7 E (14), the number, size, shape, and location of existing doors visible from the public street shall not change; felt that this definition did not pertain to this non-historic door. Discussion replacing like with like would be an ordinary maintenance but the style changed. HPC understands the issue of weather deterioration and for practical purpose is agreeable to the material and style change. A full glass storm door is preferred.

The protective overhang was conceptually approved during the June 21st HPC meeting. The existing aluminum overhang will be removed and replaced with a matching design of the other hipped roof entrance overhang on the same building. Materials will match.

A roll call to approve this application and the submitted plan as discussed: AYES; Mr. Girardet, Ms. Marlowe, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Ziegler. Record will reflect that Ms. Driscoll and Ms. Stasi did not participate in the roll call vote.

6 Symmes Court, (B23,L88) In Historic District, Classified C-; Homeowners Christine & David Monks were present to discuss their submitted application to relocate an existing window on the west elevation of the 2002 approved addition. This afternoon, an amendment was received to have a window removed and not reinstalled on the house as the original application stated due to interior renovations. HPC reviewed this updated application and sees no problem with the removal of the window since it is located on the 2002 addition portion of the house.

A roll call to approve this application: AYES; Mr. Girardet, Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Stasi, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Ziegler. Record will reflect that Ms. Driscoll was recused in the roll call process.

91 North Main Street, (B28,L7) In Historic District, Classified C; Mr. Sal Golisano, contractor, was present to discuss the amendment to the roofing material for the Phase II of this June 2010 approved project. He proposes to change the approved material to a standing seam metal roof as installed on the freestanding barn/garage. HPC sees no issue with the roofing material amendment on the Phase II addition of this house.

A roll call to approve this application: AYES; Mr. Girardet, Ms. Marlowe, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Ziegler. Record will reflect that Ms. Stasi and Ms. Driscoll were recused in the roll call process.

27 North Main Street, (B23,L60) In Historic District, Classified C; Mr. Joe Stasi, contractor, was present to discuss the application. He proposes to remove the existing 3' PVC fence and concrete walk. The fence will be replaced with 4 brick high border wall similar to the neighboring property to the south. The walk will have a herringbone pattern. Clay brick will be used for both applications. Mr. Stasi indicated that a future application will have wrought iron hand rails and gate/fence between the house and neighboring structure to the north. HPC has no issue with the removal of the fence, installation of the border wall and walk.

A roll call to approve this application: AYES; Mr. Girardet, Ms. Marlowe, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Ziegler. Record will reflect that Ms. Stasi and Ms. Driscoll were recused in the roll call process.

38 North Main Street, (B32,L5.01) In Historic District; Mr. Ron Witt was present for discussion of the railing system on the front porch of the new house construction. This structure was approved by HPC during 2010. A sample of the rail system was brought in. 8" x 8" columns are proposed. The balusters are 1 1/4" square composite with a painted wood rail design universal top and bottom rail. Ms. Marlowe was concerned that the balusters not have a tall leggy look. She initially suggested that the balustrade have a heavier base and that the bottom rail not sit so low to the porch decking. She explained that this would allow the eye not to focus on the height of the balusters. Mr. Ziegler reviewed the profile of the sample. Ms. Driscoll recalled that the top rail was to be a flatter design.

A request to complete an application for the rail system was made. Mr. Witt complied and completed the application during the HPC meeting.

A roll call to approve this application: AYES; Mr. Girardet, Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Stasi, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Ziegler. Record will reflect that Ms. Driscoll was recused in the roll call process.

39 South Main Street, (B18,L9) In Historic District; an amendment request was received for previously approved plans dated April 5, 2011. The owners would like to install a window opening on the second floor south elevation. Window will match existing windows.

A roll call to approve this application: AYES; Mr. Girardet, Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Stasi, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Ziegler. Record will reflect that Ms. Driscoll was recused in the roll call process.

13 North Main Street, (B23,L67) In Historic District; Ms. Marlowe, owner, recused herself as an HPC member and presented herself as the applicant. The application proposes to install an additional sign below an existing sign hanging from a wrought iron bracket which extends from south west corner of the building. The proposed sign shall be of the same size as existing. HPC reviewed the photos and sign specs.

A roll call to approve this application: AYES; Mr. Girardet, Ms. Stasi, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Ziegler. Record will reflect that Ms. Marlowe did not participate in the roll call.

It was at the beginning of this application that Ms. Driscoll excused herself to leave the meeting.

OTHER APPLICATIONS

13 North Main Street, (B23,L67) In Historic District; application for ordinary maintenance was received today. The owner will replaced rotted siding with like materials. The portico will be re-shingled using same materials.

46 South Main Street (B23,L85) In Historic District, Classified C-; ordinary maintenance application was received today for replacing the front porch support decking. The existing deck will be removed and replaced with like. During the phone conversation with Mr. George Conley, he explained that future plans include the removal of the aluminum siding on the porch columns and perhaps where the balusters once were, but further

investigative work needs to be done before this happens. I asked him to be kept abreast of any findings and of any pertinent photos. He agreed.

A photo dated 1920 on page 78 of *Images of America Cranbury* shows a group of church elders standing in what appears and described to be the Presbyterian manse. In the background of the picture, columns are sided with horizontal siding.

ZBA202-11—12 Silvers Lane, outside of district; memo stating no comment was sent to the Zoning Board.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Williams asked of any updates of the façade on the ballet studio. It was reported that the T-111 siding has been removed and the concrete block is unstable. Work continues on ideas of how to stabilize the top portion. The owners will return to HPC when a solution is near.

Website-FAQs: This will be kept on the agenda until further notice.

Mr. Williams (and possibly Mr. Ziegler) will not be attending the August 16th HPC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, a motion duly made by Mr. Girardet, seconded by Ms. Marlow 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 19th, 2011 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 6th day of September 2011.

Linda M. Scott, Recording Secretary