

**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 September 6, 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**

Mr. Girardet, Ms. Marlowe, and Mr. Ziegler. Mr. Williams called to inform the secretary that he will be unable to attend this meeting.

**MINUTES**

Minutes were of July 19, 2011 were reviewed, amended and approved with a motion by Ms. Marlowe, second by Mr. Ziegler, all in favor.

**APPLICATIONS**

2 Scott Avenue, (B33,L35) In Historic District; Classified C: Owners Mrs. Marjorie & Mr. Bob Waters were present for discussion to remove an existing shed and relocate a newly designed garden shed with white clapboard and shingled roof within close proximity of the patio. An ornate well cover will also be installed. In addition, existing different fence styles will be removed and replaced with a black aluminum vinyl clad fence installed several feet away from Brainerd Lake according to supplied plot plan.

A roll call to approve this application as submitted: AYES; Mr. Girardet, Ms. Marlowe, and Mr. Ziegler.

38 North Main Street, (B32,L5.01) In Historic District; Owner Mr. Ron Witt was present for discussion of the submitted fence and border wall application around the perimeter of the newly constructed house which was approved by HPC during 2010. Since the July 19, 2011 approval of the railing system, Mr. Witt would like to have fencing installed along the north, south, and east property elevations. On the west elevation corner of house, close to the northern neighbor and along approx. 52' (north elevation property line) a 6' privacy stockade "Chesterfield" style fence is proposed. The south elevation proposes to have a 4' picket "Manchester" style fence. The east elevation proposes to have a 5' "Countess" style fence.

HPC reviewed the plot plan and the 3 different style fences as proposed in the application. They recommend the fencing have continuity and be related in style. It was suggested using only 2 styles. For instance, the 6' "Chesterfield" fence style could be used, minus the lattice top, in place of the 5' "Countess" fence. The preferred fence material is wood. Ms. Marlowe indicated that HPC is making its decision on the design and not according to any zoning criteria. It was suggested that Mr. Witt contact the Zoning Official, Mr. Jeff Graydon.

Ms. Marjorie Gutman, the neighbor to the north, was present to hear this application. Mr. Witt explained that a solid stockade/privacy fence was removed prior to construction. He would like to reinstall a new fence, different style, in the same area.

The border wall in the front of the house was lowered. A photo dated September 6, 2011 was supplied of the lowered wall in the front (north west corner) of the house. The south elevation border wall remains the same

height as originally installed. Mr. Witt stated the lattice will be installed under the front porch. It will be of wood or of another durable material but will not plastic.

Mr. Witt queried HPC regarding the installation of artificial turf instead of real grass as a lawn material. He supplied a sample of the artificial turf. This turf product would be the first time that an application came before HPC. They are uncertain if this product qualifies as a paver type material or not according to Chapter 93. Ms. Marlowe stated that HPC's responsibility is to follow Chapter 93 and what is appropriate and blends in within the Historic District. Mr. Witt stated that if HPC is opposed to this product, it would be installed behind the fenced areas. Investigation will be done regarding whether or not artificial turf comes under HPC review.

A roll call to approve the fencing application with recommendations and conditions as discussed and required per zoning approval. This application includes a border wall: AYES; Mr. Girardet, Ms. Marlowe, and Mr. Ziegler.

## **DISCUSSION**

Ms. Marlowe gave an update regarding the signage for 13 North Main Street. She informed HPC that the sign was destroyed in a fire so a temporary sign is hanging but once the approved wood sign has been recreated, it will be installed.

Vacancy: Ms. Driscoll has submitted her resignation. HPC expressed that Ms. Driscoll will be deeply missed. Her educational background in historic preservation gave an insight to the past reviewed applications. Her suggestion to add a FAQ section to the HPC section of the website will continue.

Grants: Ms. Marlowe stated that a grant was investigated a couple years ago. The grant process fell apart when it came to the GIS Map wording. A grant does require specific wording for it to be considered as a grant candidate. It was relayed that during a visit to the HPC office, Mr. Taylor suggested that HPC seek grant monies such as Hightstown. In a copied newsletter (HHPC News) it states Hightstown received federal grant monies to replace all the curbing and sidewalks within their Historic District. This item will be placed on next agenda for further discussion.

Newsletter: Secretary stated that Mr. Taylor presented a newsletter from Hightstown who suggested that HPC provide the public with similar to keep them informed of their happenings during an office visit on August 17. It was stated that HPC does not have enough to say to warrant this type of newsletter.

Due to the recent hurricane and the flooding situation that ensued at Ms. Marlowe's home, she requested that any other business that does not need immediate attention this evening be put on the next meeting's agenda.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

There being no further business, a motion duly made by Ms. Marlowe, seconded by Mr. 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 September 6, 2011 consisting of 2 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2010.

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Linda M. Scott, Recording Secretary