

**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 November 1, 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. Marlowe, Mr. Williams and Mr. Ziegler. Mr. Girardet informed Ms. Marlowe that he was not feeling well and will be unable to attend. Mr. Glenn Johnson, Township Committee HPC Liaison, was present.

**MINUTES**

Minutes were of October 18, 2011 were reviewed and approved with a motion by Mr. Ziegler, second by Ms. Marlowe, all in favor. Record will reflect that Mr. Williams recused himself.

**APPLICATIONS**

57 North Main Street, (B23,L51.01) In Historic District, Classified C; Business owner Mr. Peter Adamo and Ms. Valerie Martinez were present for discussion to install a 'blade' style awning onto the existing store front facade. Mr. Adamo will be relocating his business from a neighboring town. The owner would like to reuse the existing awning, centering the name/logo and the length ends will be custom fitted for this building. Pictures and specs were supplied. Mr. Adamo supplied a photo of a previous business that had the same style awning installed. The construction of the awning is for a stationary awning. It is about 35" in width, 247" in length and will extend about 24" from the building. Ms. Marlowe explained that HPC reviews the visual characteristic of the awning within the Historic District and the dimensions are approved by the Zoning Officer according to code.

An existing mounted illuminated box on the front façade above the entry door could possibly add more signage. Currently, the previous business's name is on the illuminated box. Mr. Adamo would like to remove the name but retain the illuminated box since it offers much needed light on a dark corner. Mr. Adamo and Ms. Martinez expressed that they would like to use this light as another way to advertise the type of business Molto Bene is. This will be addressed when the Zoning Officer has reviewed it.

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

ZBA205-11, 50 Maplewood Avenue, (B33,L9) ZBA205-11 was received on October 26<sup>th</sup> from the zoning office for comments/recommendations of the addition to 50 Maplewood Ave. HPC generated a memo, initialed by Ms. Marlowe, with their comments that will be submitted to the zoning office.

70A North Main Street, (B30,L2.01) In Historic District; application was received for signage but was deemed incomplete. A spec of the final sign was requested to complete the application. It shall be placed on the November 15<sup>th</sup> agenda, if received in time.

## **DISCUSSION**

Mr. Johnson, Township Committee HPC Liaison, was present to invite HPC to their December 12<sup>th</sup> work session meeting. Mr. Johnson stated that another Township Committee member felt it would be beneficial for HPC to attend and give a brief explain of their procedures.

Ms. Marlowe explained that she would attend to explain the procedures at the open public meeting. However, it would be helpful if HPC is aware of any particular questions that might need research or preparation. Also, if an applicant had an unpleasant experience with HPC, it would benefit HPC to be prepared.

Mr. Williams explained that he appeared before other boards in other towns, a majority who require a fee for the services of engineers and attorneys. Unlike the other towns, no engineer or attorney is present to hear applications in Cranbury. HPC follows the standards according to code which the town adopted.

Frequently Asked Questions: Prior to her resignation from HPC, Ms. Driscoll began to compile a list of helpful FAQs for the township website. She felt that applicants could benefit from these questions. However, movement on the FAQs has remained stagnant since her departure. Secretary will begin to compile a list of FAQs as they relate to Cranbury.

Grants: Mr. Ziegler updated HPC stating that he unfortunately did not have time to contact Ms. Guzzo regarding grants and funds.

Mr. Ziegler informed HPC that he will be unable to attend the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Williams offered to contact Allentown to find out any information he could regarding the bridge on Route 539 near the mill. Secretary has not heard back from Ms. Jean Hunter of Allentown Historic Preservation but will keep trying to contact her.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

There being no further business, a motion duly made by Ms. Marlowe, seconded by Mr. Ziegler 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 November 1, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2011.

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Linda M. Scott, Recording Secretary