

**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 15, 2011, beginning at 7:33 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. Williams. Mr. Ziegler informed HPC during the last meeting that he will be unable to attend. A motion to excuse Mr. Ziegler was made by Ms. Marlowe, second by Mr. Williams, all in favor.

MINUTES

Minutes were of November 1, 2011 were reviewed, amended and approved with a motion by Ms. Marlowe, second by Mr. Williams, all in favor. Record will reflect that Mr. Girardet recused himself.

APPLICATIONS

70A North Main Street, (B30,L2.01) In Historic District, Classified C; Ms. Tracy Nguyen, tenant, was present to discuss and review final specs for the signage application. Ms. Nguyen would like to install the sign to advertise the new location of her nail salon business; it currently operates out of another location within the Historic District. The sign measures 50" x 12" on white background with 6" black letters and will use the same hardware to hang on the front porch by chain where a previous sign once hung. The sign is smaller than the sign located just next door.

Mr. Williams asked about the size of the sign and if it complies with the local ordinance. It was stated that signage specs were submitted to the Zoning Officer, Mr. Graydon. He is responsible for checking the size compliance according to code.

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

38 North Main Street, (B32,L5.01) In Historic District; Owner Mr. Ron Witt was present for discussion of the submitted solar panels application that will be installed on the newly constructed house. Application was received on November 9th, but lacked the installed panel detail plan as publicly viewed from Maplewood Ave. This detail plan was supplied at the beginning of the meeting. It was dated and marked as Exhibit A. Ms. Marlowe stated that the because of the roof angles, the panels would not be seen from Main Street. She said that the panels should fit onto the roof as well as possible and not be obtrusive or detract from Main Street. She asked if other types of solar panels were investigated. Mr. Witt replied that others were but the cost was extra and not as efficient.

As a builder, Mr. Williams is sympathetic to the need of solar power and supports solar technology. He feels that as a non-resident, he should recuse himself from this application.

Mr. Girardet asked if the proposed panels were sufficient to supply the amount of electricity to the structure. Mr. Witt responded that he has not yet received an electric bill. The panels will produce approximately 22,000 watts a year.

A sheet of a Sunmodule SW240 mono panel black/version 2.0 was submitted with the application.

HPC will supply a *Preservation NJ 'Solar panels & other renewable in historic districts'* dated April 14, 2010 to Mr. Witt for his information.

According to Chapter 21-9 B, a roll call to approve this application as presented: AYES; Mr. Girardet and Ms. Marlowe; ABSTAIN; Mr. Williams

57 North Main Street, (B23,L51.01) In Historic District, Classified C; Business owner Mr. Peter Adamo and Ms. Valerie Martinez were present to discuss the existing mounted illuminated signage. It measures 128"W x 40"L and will help to advertise the type of business that Molto Bene is.

Ms. Marlowe suggested that an italicized font be used in place of the large capitalized block letters on the proposed sign. Doing so will help blend with other signs within the district. Repeating the logo is fine. Mr. Adamo and Ms. Martinez were agreeable to this suggestion.

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

DISCUSSION

Mr. Girardet suggested that a notation be made by the Zoning Officer (ZO) somewhere on the application so HPC is aware that the application has been presented for proper procedure. HPC usually asks the applicant if they have been in contact with the ZO.

Mr. Girardet informed HPC that he will be unable to attend a few meetings beginning 2012.

Secretary informed HPC that 3 Bunker Hill will be making application to have Belgium block curbing installed. Application will be made in time for the next meeting. Ms. Marlowe suggested that secretary contact the ZO or Engineer regarding the installation standards and protocol. She feels this may not be an HPC issue.

It was noted that Belgium block curbs exist within the Historic District on Westminster Avenue and on North Main Street. Other homeowners outside the District installed this type of curbing on the street front of their property.

County Road Bridge: Mr. Williams informed HPC that the Rte.539 in Allentown is a Monmouth County bridge. Secretary stated that Ms. Jean Hunter of the Allentown Historic Preservation stopped in Town Hall today during lunch time. Unfortunately, secretary was out of the building at the time.

70A North Main Street (B30,L2.01) PB 212-11 A memo will be generated and forwarded to the Planning Board of HPC's review.

Ms. Marlowe is aware of a person who is interested in volunteering for HPC. A letter of interest should be submitted to the Clerk for their consideration. Secretary will reach out to another member for a discussion of interest to serve HPC.

Frequently Asked Questions for the website is being compiled and this shall be distributed to HPC members for their comments.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, a motion duly made by Mr. Girardet, second by Ms. Marlowe 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 15, 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 17th day of January 2012.

Linda M. Scott, Recording Secretary