

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

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Cranbury Township Historic Preservation Commission was held in Town Hall, Cranbury, New Jersey, on July 3, 2012 beginning at 7:30 pm.

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 November 29, 2011 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, Ms. Marlowe called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Girardet, Ms. Marlowe, and Mr. Ziegler. Mr. Williams requested to be excused from the meeting, motion to excuse made by Mr. Ziegler, second by Ms. Marlowe, all in favor. Record will reflect that Mr. Glenn Johnson, TC HPC Liaison, is present.

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 19, 2012 meeting was corrected and approved with a motion by Mr. Girardet and second by Mr. Ziegler, all in favor. Record will reflect that Ms. Marlowe was recused.

APPLICATIONS

5 North Main Street (B23, L69) In Historic District, Classified as C-; Mr. Ralph Maselli was present to discuss the submitted application to remove the deteriorated slate shingles and install new roof shingles on this structure. Mr. Maselli explained that a wood shingle roof is under the slate roof. The slate is flaking apart and has been patched with metal and tar as a fix. The south elevation has the most public exposure and is similar condition the north elevation.

Ms. Marlowe asked Mr. Maselli of the possibility of replacing the roof with wood shingles. Mr. Maselli stated that the cost for an entire wood (cedar) shingle roof is not workable. HPC suggested that perhaps the re-roofing project be performed in sections. Another suggestion is to use substitute slate material since the existing slate is square shaped and not an intricate pattern. Mr. Maselli has requested a quote from a vendor regarding this product but has not received any communication as of yet. Mr. Ziegler suggested that perhaps, like simulated slate, there are simulated wood products that can be used as well.

Mr. Macelli will return to HPC after his investigation of these products. Ms. Marlowe stated that if the emergency re-roofing situation accelerates, Mr. Maselli can bring the information to HPC sooner for review. Application tabled until July 17th for more information.

22 North Main Street, (B32,L12), In Historic District, Classified C; Application and architectural plan for the front entry overhang was received. The existing overhang was replaced due to a snow emergency several years ago without HPC approval. This non-conforming overhang will be removed and replaced with a bowed hip roof very similar to the original overhang and as detailed in the supplied drawing. The drawing was conceptually viewed at the June 19th meeting. It will have asphalt shingles, Fypon posts, and gutters. The wall will be repaired to match using same material.

Hearing no other comments or questions, roll call to approve this application as submitted was taken. AYES: Mr. Girardet, Ms. Marlowe, and Mr. Ziegler.

OTHER APPLICATIONS

74 North Main Street, 1st Constitution Bank (B30,L1); June 25, 2012 Mr. Thomas Derise communicated that the sign will not be made of wood as approved by HPC at the June 16th meeting but a PVC material and painted. The change of material, because it is a minor application, was approved by Ms. Marlow.

18 Prospect Street, (B28,L20) In Buffer Area; As an information only, solar roof panels will be installed on the south elevation of this dwelling. Due to the proximity of the site, HPC review was not necessary which was communicated to the installer on July 2, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

National Trust Forum Membership 2012: Secretary informed HPC that this membership has been submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing discussed.

DISCUSSION

Preserving Historic Cranbury Village 1988-89 Heritage Studies: Mr. Ziegler informed HPC that he had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Michael Mills and Ms. Meredith Bzdak regarding the inventory and their thoughts of how to best proceed for updating and funding. Ms. Bzdak would be interested in looking at a map of the Historic District (HD). Mr. Ziegler informally discussed with them the HD and the Buffer Area when it was suggested that this may be the ideal time to address the 200' area and hone the map accordingly. There are approximately 180 sites in the HD. A copy of the map could be supplied.

Currently, a matching grant is available through the NJ Historic Trust. However, budgetary constraints do not permit HPC to act upon this. Grants will be placed on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, a motion duly made by Mr. Girardet, second 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 July 3, 2012 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 17th day of July 2012.

Linda M. Scott, Recording Secretary