

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

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Historic Preservation Commission was held in Town Hall, Cranbury, New Jersey, on November 19, 2013 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 December 3, 2012 of this meeting's date, time, place and an 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, HPC Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Marlowe, Mr. Szabo, and Mr. Ziegler. A motion to excuse Mr. Williams was made by Ms. Marlowe, second by Mr. Szabo, all in favor.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 15, 2013 meeting was reviewed and approved with minor changes, a motion by Mr. Ziegler, second by Mr. Szabo, all in favor.

APPLICATIONS

95 North Main Street (B28, L5) In Historic District, Classified C/C+; Homeowner, Mr. John Patella, proposes to install replacement windows, Renewal by Anderson, with a wood fiber blended polymer material. There are several different style windows in the home now. The predominant pattern is 4/4 now but the owners would like to install a 2/1 style. The muntins will be between the glasses. The exceptions are the kitchen windows, on the north elevation, which have no muntins. They will be replaced with the same style. Mr. Patella presented on his laptop, a photo shopped rendition of what the house would look with all 4/4 on the front of the house.

Mr. Szabo looked on the Anderson website and sees that between the glass muntin (grilles) are offered in 2 sizes, the current predominant 4/4 pane is a very distinctive look for this house. Mr. Ziegler added that the 4/4 modulates the style and scale of the house and this character puts the house in a particular place. He explained that the size of glass pane reflects the era, the larger the glass size the more the glass would cost.

Ms. Marlowe asked Mr. Patella if it would be possible to get the kind of windows he wants with 4/4 panes? A 4/4 works well with this Italianate style home. Mr. Patella said a 4/4 between the glass grill can be done. Mr. Patella stated that he would like to have all the windows be the same style with the exception of the kitchen bay. The polymer material has been around for a period of time.

HPC felt that 4/1 is a newer look and not fitting for the style of house. To keep the character with a more appropriate look, HPC asked if a 4/4 window could be possible. The vertical muntin should closest match, as offered by Anderson, in width as existing. Mr. Patella agreed to investigate and conform.

Hearing no other questions or comments regarding this application, roll call to approve as discussed with 4/4 windows (with thicker width muntins matching existing/supplied by Anderson and will be between the glass), except for kitchen bay on north elevation, was taken: AYES: Ms. Marlowe, Mr. Szabo, and Mr. Ziegler

OTHER APPLICATIONS

156 North Main Street (B26,L29.01) application received on October 28, 2013, to re-roof the existing dwelling. Property located in the Historic Buffer Area (HBA), no HPC review required.

9 Station Road (B35 B29.01) application received on October 29, 2013, to re-place rotted wooden fence pickets with like. Property located in the Historic Buffer Area (HBA), no HPC review required.

41 North Main Street (B23 L53) application received on November 14, 2013 to replace windows on the front (south east elevation) with like, matching the existing muntin profile and material. This application was considered as ordinary maintenance.

16 Plainsboro Road (B26.01, L64) application received on November 18, 2013 to replace a bathroom window located on the back of house. Property located in the Historic Buffer Area (HBA), no HPC review required.

NEW BUSINESS

The secretary received a phone call from Mr. Walsh stating he is unable to attend this meeting due to an engagement. Mr. Szabo reaffirmed his interest. With only a couple of meetings left in 2013, it is hopeful there will be an opportunity for Mr. Walsh to attend a meeting.

A get well card was passed along for everyone to sign and wish a quick recovery for Mr. Williams. He is currently at St. Lawrence Rehab. HPC would like to send him an edible item from a local business. Secretary will investigate.

A new booklet *A Guide to the Architecture of Hightstown Houses* written by Richard Harlan Pratt is now part of the HPC library. The booklet was passed along for HPC to review. HPC expressed how wonderful Mr. Pratt brought to the reader's attention many details that add different character to the structures. They are interested in obtaining more copies. Secretary will contact Mr. Pratt for an additional three copies.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, a motion duly made by Ms. Marlowe, second by Mr. Ziegler and carried, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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 19, 2013 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 December 2013.

Linda M. Scott, Recording Secretary