

**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 April 15, 2014 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 4, 2013 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 called the meeting to order and Ms. Scott acted as recording secretary.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms. Marlowe, Mr. Szabo, Mr. Walsh, and Mr. Ziegler.

**MINUTES**

The March 4 and April 1, 2014 meeting minutes were reviewed. Both sets will be amended and placed on the next agenda.

**APPLICATIONS**

6 Symmes Court, (B23, L88) In Historic District, Classified C-; Contractor Mr. John Terrel and homeowner Ms. Eileen Marckioni were present to discuss the submitted application. Mr. Terrel explained that a single entry door is proposed on the west elevation. The door has a 12 lite (3/4) ¾ lite and the screen door will be an Anderson self storing white storm door with clear glass. A porch and walk is proposed, using clay brick pavers. A white matte satin finish railing system with square balusters is proposed for the side porch. It is a different design installed on the front porch railing. Currently, a vinyl spindled rail system with a top rail installed above the height of concrete lower portion of column exists. Looking at the HPC file photo, the porch was a solid sided wall that was installed that lined up with the lower concrete column.

An existing 30" wide garage door will be expanded to 36" wide.

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

52 Maplewood Avenue (B33,L8) In the Historic District, Classified C/C-; homeowner Ms. Marlynn Mawn was present for a submitted application from the concept meeting of March 4<sup>th</sup>. A computer generated picture of what the house will look like after the updates are performed was passed around.

They plan to removed the existing aluminum siding and replace with 5" hardiplank clapboard. The front storm door will be removed and not replaced. The front door will be replaced with a compatible period door. Window (inserts) will be replaced as needed. A keystone above the windows is proposed. Louvered shutters are proposed and should be installed over the window frame to give dimension. Mr. Szabo opened and showed Ms. Mawn a section regarding shutters from the *A Guide to the Architecture of Hightstown Houses* by Richard Harlan Pratt. He suggested looking at other homes that have shutters mounted.

Mr. Walsh asked about the chimney. Ms. Mawn stated that the chimney will be inspected and they are hopeful that the aluminum siding can remain off but this depends on the method used to install the siding and the condition of the chimney underneath the siding. Should the condition not be favorable, hardiplank siding will be installed over the chimney. Ms. Mawn and HPC are hopeful that the chimney is in good condition.

Mr. Szabo inquired about the gutters. Ms. Mawn stated that to complete the look they would like to install a seamless gutter.

HPC is pleased to see that the homeowners are restoring this house and paying attention to the details.

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

74 North Main Street (B30,L1) In the Historic District, Classified I; Manager, Mr. Tom Derise was present for the parking lot lights discussion. Application was submitted to repair the irregular uneven brick walks. This work is considered ordinary maintenance and does not need HPC review.

Mr. Derise explained that the small colonial coach lamp post on Westminster Place was, at one time, the sole illumination source for their parking lot. There were many instances when this lamp would be vandalized. During the winter months the sun sets at 4pm and the bank closes at 6pm so safety was a concern for their personnel and customers safety. A customer had suggested to the bank that PSE&G could install a lamp on one of their poles which they did. The bank pays for the supplied electric while getting the illumination required to keep all safe.

HPC stated that the issue is the intensity of a lamp that PSE&G installed that illuminates the parking lot during evening hours. There was much discussion about this issue. HPC suggested that a lense to help darken the lumen output be installed over the lamp. Shielding was also suggested to help direct the light where it is needed. Also lower wattage or having the lamp on a time was suggested as a possible solution. A lighting engineer can calculate the appropriate amount of wattage depending upon the coverage, spread and intensity for illuminating the area.

The lamp post does work but the illumination is not being used in a proper manner. It sheds light 360° but should direct light down onto the walk and lot for safety.

Mr. Derise stated the prime focus is the parking lot. Mr. Derise asked the Secretary to send him an email summarizing this discussion. He has agreed to contact PSE&G to find information on reducing the illumination of overnight lamp. If possible, HPC would be interested in knowing the outcome before PSE&G takes action to remedy this situation. He will do his best to accommodate HPC.

11 Symmes Court (B38,L4) In Historic District, Classified H; Ms. Allyson Falk-DiNoia was present to discuss the submitted plot plan and application to install a wood 50% open fence that is 5' high with 3.5" pickets. Gates will be installed in the front and side yards of this property. The front gate will be a double wide and the gate on side will be a single gate.

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

#### **OTHER APPLICATIONS**

5 Wesley Place, (B30,L2.02) asphalt roof on a barn will be replaced with asphalt roof. Application received on April 10, 2014 r and deemed as ordinary maintenance

91 North Main Street (B28,L7), all windows in the front original portion of the house will have their windows replaced with matching like with like using 6/1 double hung Pella windows. Application received on April 14 and deemed ordinary maintenance.

81 & 83 North Main Street, (B23,L41), repairs and or removal of deteriorated wood on front porch will be replaced. Porch decking will be mahogany. Contractor is aware not to remove decorative moldings. Application received on April 14, 2014 and was deemed as ordinary maintenance.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

2013 HPC Actions: Ms. Marlow will attend the Township Committee meeting for discussion of the HPC.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

There being no further business, a motion duly made by Ms. Marlowe, second by Mr. Szabo 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 April 15, 2014 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014.

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Linda M. Scott, Recording Secretary