

**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 June 17, 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 minutes of the May 20, 2014 meeting was reviewed and approved with a motion by Ms. Marlowe, second by Mr. Szabo, all in favor. Record will reflect that Mr. Walsh was recused.

APPLICATIONS

11 Maplewood Avenue (B32,L17) In Historic District, new construction in progress; Owner Mr. David Slavin was present to discuss a change to previously approved construction plan. He explained that while performing a walk thru, it was noticed that the gas fireplace in the back portion of the house place used too much floor space. The cure for that from their stand point was to extend the fire place out of the room. Since there is an existing bump out on the front section, a matching bump out could be built to accommodate the gas fireplace. This would not affect the overall appearance of the plan. The proposed bump out would be sided with the already approved cement board and shingles.

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

21 Park Place West (B23,L47) In Historic District, signage application received for a new floral shop. There is an existing post which will be used. The sign design which measures (36"H x 28"L) was submitted and reviewed. The sign will be hung from a new bracket mounted to the post. HPC is fine with the materials and design of this application.

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

OTHER APPLICATIONS

11 South Main Street (35,L4) In Historic District; application received on May 28, 2014 for repairs and re-roofing with like materials to the leaky flat section of roof on the back of house. Discussed and deemed as ordinary maintenance with Ms. Marlowe.

97 North Main Street (B25,L3) In Historic District; application received on May 28, 2014 to replace the front porch planks with like material. Also, the non-historic shed (in back yard) door sill is rotting. It will be replaced with an aluminum sill/threshold. Discussed and deemed as ordinary maintenance with Ms. Marlowe.

6 South Main Street (B23,L73) In Historic District; application received on June 2, 2014 for removing, replacing, and repainting rotted cedar siding with same materials. Application deemed as ordinary maintenance.

54 North Main Street (B23,L1) In Historic District; application received on June 3, 2014 to replace rotted basement windows with same style and materials. Application discussed and deemed as ordinary maintenance with Ms. Marlowe.

11 North Main Street (B23, L68) In Historic District, Classified K; a minor application was received on June 17, 2014 and reviewed by Vice-chair, Mr. Ziegler. The application is for installation of a backup generator that will be mounted on a raised platform approximately 5' above ground level. The platform will be constructed of wood and enclosed with wood lattice that matches existing structures. Mr. Ziegler approved this complete application. Mr. Szabo stated that this is a very appropriate structure for installing a generator on. Mr. Szabo stated that while he attended a recent seminar, the elevating and mounting of equipment above ground level as preventative measures after flooding was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

74 North Main Street (B30, L1) In Historic District; Ms. Marlowe stated she received a call from a concern by a resident regarding a lamp installed on the bank building that is illuminated 24 hours a day. The Zoning Officer felt this was intrusive and asked if HPC received an application on the additional lamp. HPC did not. Ms. Marlowe stated that there are two lamps that are directed to shine out onto the parking lot. HPC is uncertain if the lamps were existing or newly installed. Ms. Szabo asked if HPC has any guidelines with the Historic District for maximum wattages or appropriate colors.

Secretary received an email from Mr. Derise about replacing the sign above the ATM since the fire damaged it. The sign will no longer be illuminated and has been decreased in size. According to submitted email photos, a lamp under the ATM canopy was existing and this will be replaced with like.

The previous illumination street lamp issue was addressed. Secretary received an email from Mr. Derise stating that PSE&G turned off the lamp.

DISCUSSION

2014 NJ History and Historic Preservation Conference: Both Mr. Szabo and Mr. Ziegler attended this conference which was held at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ.

Mr. Szabo stated that the *Lighting for Historic Buildings, Design and Technology* workshop was very interesting and the LED technology is pretty complex. He stated that LED bulbs and older lamp fixtures are not the best combination because of dimming capabilities. When LEDs first hit the market they radiated a bright blue light. Recently yellow light was added to tone down the bright blue hue. He said that technology is getting better and the color hues and combinations are improving. HPC asked if there was a preferred color by the State or if they have guidelines. He responded that they did not indicate so.

Mr. Szabo submitted a brochure from the Closter Historic Preservation Commission. The presenters discussed their mission to save a post-world war II prefabricated house that was slated to be destroyed which was ultimately replaced with a newer structure. He brings attention to homes built in Cranbury about the same era and questioned at what point do these homes become historic. He expressed his pleasure attending this interesting conference and listening to the various speakers.

Mr. Ziegler stated that FEMA was present and talked about sustainability and global warming which was different from the typical historic preservation dialogue.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, a motion duly made by Mr. Ziegler, 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 June 17, 2014 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 15th day of July 2014.

Linda M. Scott, Recording Secretary