

**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 October 21, 2014 beginning at 7:40 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

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 7, 2014 meeting was reviewed and approved with minor corrections, motion by Mr. Ziegler, second by Ms. Marlowe, all in favor.

APPLICATIONS

74 North Main Street, (B30,L1) In Historic District; Mr. Tom Derise (1st Constitution Bank) and Mr. Mark Berkowsky (Berkowsky and Assoc.) were present for discussion of the submitted specifications to replace the two wall mounted light fixtures (east elevation) and the existing lamp installed by PSE&G on their pole. Mr. Berkowsky explained that the since the fire (April 10, 2014), the two mounted fixtures on the building were replaced. The two proposed replacement fixtures are angled downward to direct the lights onto the pavement where it is needed and will reduce light pollution. According to the supplied spec sheet, the LED fixture emits a pure white light color.

HPC expressed that the building fixtures were illuminated 24/7 on the weekends. Mr. Derise addressed the reason that lights were illuminated on the weekends is that bank personnel would manually turn on the lights after business hours on Saturday. They remained on until Monday morning when personnel turned the lights off. Mr. Berkowsky stated a timer will be installed to rectify this issue.

Ms. Marlowe read an email from Mr. Szabo who was unable to attend this meeting. His comments address "the minimum wattage/lumen bulb, even though the light source is directing downward, it should not be overly bright". He questioned if the proposed lumens seemed overly bright and if a lower lumen with a softer tone could be used. Mr. Banks questioned the amount of watts that the current PSE&G pole mounted fixture emits and the time frame for replacement of the fixtures. The exact lumens was not known, Mr. Berkowsky stated that it will no longer be functioning. He stated that the existing carriage style pole fixture will be replaced with a gooseneck style fixture as in the supplied picture and replacement could take approximately 8-10 weeks. With the proposed fixtures and lighting, security and safety has been taken into account.

Mr. Marty Coffee, from the audience, suggested a motion sensor be installed so the lights turn on when movement is detected. It was stated that lights should be on for security and safety.

HPC felt that the light pollution issue and lumens was addressed. They are pleased with the historic style and character of the proposed fixtures. This application is a good compromise.

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

44 Maplewood Avenue, (B33,L12) In Historic District, Classified C; this property is located on the corner Maplewood Avenue and Bennett Place. Mr. Marty Coffee was present to discuss the installation of a 6'6" length shed roof over the

back patio double doors. Currently there is no protection from inclement weather. Elements drip down onto the door causing damage. A proposed shed roof has been designed similar as the existing front garage door entrance roof in style and materials, wood with a flat copper roof. HPC was pleased that this application and materials proposed are in keeping with the vernacular of the home.

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

OTHER APPLICATIONS

7 Park Place East (B30, L9) In Historic District, Classified C/C-; Application received on October 16, 2014 to reconnect the existing post to the existing rails, re-nail existing loses spindles on rail, replace damaged lattice slats under porch, and then sand and paint the materials to match. This application was deemed as ordinary maintenance.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Opportunities: Mr. Banks informed HPC that NJ has two different grants provisions. One is thru NJ Historical Trust and the other thru NJ Historical Commission. The Trust approves grants every few years, currently there are none available. The NJ Historical Commission is offering a grant opportunity for all Certified Local Government (CLG) municipalities. The submission deadline date is January 16, 2015. It is based on a federal fiscal year from October 1 to September 30. Mr. Banks stated that the 2015 maximum grant amount is \$24,999 but are usually between \$15K and \$20K. He started to search for as many appropriate consultants that could perform a survey task but it became confusing when he looked at the NJ Historical District listing which had only 7 buildings listed in Cranbury. The National Historic Registry District did not specify the number of buildings. He questioned Brainerd cemetery and Cranbury's 218 property count. Ms. Marlowe expressed that the cemetery would include only the buildings on the lot. The 218 properties (approximate) are the individual lots located within the designated Historic Districts as displayed on the HD map.

Mr. Banks will reach out to Ms. Andrea Tingey of the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office for a list of local area consultants. He will contact the NJ Historical Commission for prior submissions that could help aid Cranbury. Ms. Marlowe stated Richard Grubb and Associates felt that survey of the HD is large and the inventory should be done in two stages due to the cost involved.

A copy of the 1989 property survey *Preserving Historic Cranbury Village* prepared by Heritage Studies (Ms. Connie Greiff) was supplied to Mr. Banks.

This is the survey that HPC uses when reviewing received applications and desires to update.

Mr. Ziegler volunteered to call Mills + Schnoering Architects and Richard Grubb & Associates to discuss the CLG grant opportunity and the desire of updating the inventory. Both of these firms understand the criteria of performing an inventory and the process of applying for the CLG grant.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, a motion duly made by Mr. Ziegler, second by Mr. Banks 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 October 21, 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 2nd day of December 2014.

Linda M. Scott, Recording Secretary