

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

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

A scheduled meeting of the Cranbury Township Historic Preservation Commission was held in Town Hall, Cranbury, New Jersey, on August 1, 2017 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 5, 2016, 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, Mr. Szabo, HPC Chair, called the meeting to order. Ms. Jean Golisano, performed as substitute recording secretary.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Ryan, Mr. Szabo, and Mr. Walsh. Mr. Banks requested to be excused due to a prior commitment, motion made by Mr. Szabo, all in favor. Township Liaison, Ms. Goetz was present.

MINUTES

The minutes of the July 11, 2017 meetings were reviewed and amended. Roll call to approve the minutes as amended; AYES; Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Ryan, Mr. Szabo, and Mr. Walsh.

APPLICATIONS

67 North Main Street: (B23,L45.01) within HD, Classified H: Owner: Mr. Robert Irving was present to discuss the submitted application. Proposed is to remove two existing sheds and replace with a 12'x16' wood storage shed. The proposed shed will be A-Frame, double barn style doors, painted beige with white trim, no window, the shingles will be white and a wood ramp. The placement of shed will not be seen from the street. This application has received zoning approval.

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

22 Maplewood Avenue (B33,L21) within HD; Classified C: Mr. Ryan Deverin was present to discuss the submitted application for the installed shed. This shed was recently denied by Zoning Officer per zoning ordinance. Mr. Deverin informed HPC the shed will be removed within 30-40 days. He plans to install a larger shed and will be applying to the Zoning Board for this. This application was pulled by owner at this meeting. A new application will be submitted pending zoning approval to HPC when owner is ready for review.

22 Maplewood Avenue (B33,L21) within HD; Classified C: Owner Mr. Deverin was present to discuss the submitted application for the installed fence. The fence was recently denied by Zoning Officer per zoning ordinance. A variance will be submitted to the Zoning Board for the fence. This is scheduled to be heard in September 2017.

The installed fence has 2 styles. A 4'H wood, dog eared 3.5" picket 50% open fence, and a 6'H solid fence. Knowing that the owner will be applying for a variance, HPC reviewed the style, material and design of the installed fence. HPC is aware of the 4'H fence installed at other properties within the HD.

Hearing no other questions or concerns regarding this application, and knowing that a variance will be filed, a roll call to approve this application pending zoning approval was taken: AYES; Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Ryan, Mr. Szabo, and Mr. Walsh.

143 North Main Street (B25,L19.02) within HD; Classified C+: application received to install in-ground pool with a surrounding fence. The pool will be ground level as well as the surrounding paving material, Techno-Bloc. Both are far back from the road and will not be noticeable. The fence material will be black aluminum. HPC reviewed the application.

Hearing no other comments or concerns, roll call to approve this application as submitted: AYES; Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Ryan, Mr. Szabo, and Mr. Walsh.

33 South Main Street (B35,L11) within HD; Classified H: application received for change of materials to front porch/landing that was previously approved in June 2017. Change includes keeping the original 3 risers. Blue stone treads and landing is proposed with red bricks to match original. A sample photo of the proposed finished product was included. HPC is pleased with the change in materials.

Hearing no other comments or concerns, roll call to approve this application as submitted: AYES; Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Ryan, Mr. Szabo, and Mr. Walsh.

50 North Main Street (B32,L2) within HD; Classified C-; Application received after work had begun. Contractor requested information about the front soffit as to how the seam should run, either parallel or perpendicular to the building. Ms. Ryan explained that a supplied photo of the gabled area shows the seams perpendicular which is normal. The aluminum was removed exposing the fascia, crown moulding, brackets and gutters. Repairs to the gutters and brackets that have deteriorated will be performed.

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

OTHER APPLICATIONS

30 North Main Street, (B23,L8) within HD; Classified ; Odd Fellows Hall, application received on July 12, 2017 to paint the exterior of the building. The trim and doors, currently painted green, will be painted whites to match the white on the building. HPC does not review paint colors.

140 North Main Street, (B26.01, L27) within BA, application received to removed existing cedar shakes and install asphalt shingles. Homeowner received letter from insurance company stating that due to ‘lifting of cedar shakes’, the policy will be dropped. Homeowners supplied evidence that the house, when purchased, had asphalt shingles installed. Application viewed but since this property is located within the BA, review by HPC is not required.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

DISCUSSION

2016 CLG Grant Inventory: A reminder was made to HPC that August 8th will be a special meeting to review the second half of the Inventory. HPC should review the properties prior to this meeting.

Mr. Szabo explained that the grant work is on schedule. During a special meeting, HPC reviewed the first half of the inventory adding information to the survey forms. He explained that the data, at the State level, will be a snap-shot and not updated on a regular basis. This survey has more information than the 1989 Inventory. Moving forward, HPC will track the applications of any updates or changes to these property. There are some properties that were difficult to take a photo of. The criteria for historic properties, since the 1989 Inventory, have or are meeting the 50 year criteria. Some homes within the Historic District that are not contributing and do not meet the criteria, should be evaluated as such. These properties will be mapped. Changes of the designation of these properties should be considered. Contributing status means that the homes reflect and identify the period that they were built.

Ms. Goetz invited HPC to come to a Township Committee meeting to update the Committee.

2017 CLG Grant: No update.

Continuing Education: Mr. Szabo informed HPC of a few training opportunities through Rutgers Camden. There is funding for those interested.

Altered Homes within the HD: Ms. Marlowe explained that there are a few homes within the HD that made changes or alterations to the facade of their homes without submitting an application to HPC which goes against Township Ordinance. These homeowners were aware that their property is within the HD and the changes or work performed required HPC review. Ms. Marlowe asked of Ms. Goetz that these homes receive some attention by the town and not be forgotten. Ms. Goetz will give this some thought.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, a motion duly made by Mr. Szabo, seconded by Ms. Ryan, 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 August 1, 2017 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 8th day of August 2017.

Linda M. Scott, Recording Secretary
Jean Golisano, Substitute Recording Secretary