

**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 October 17, 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. Scott, performed as recording secretary.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Banks, Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Ryan, Mr. Szabo, and Mr. Walsh. Mr. Coffey was unable to attend, motion to excuse him made by Mr. Szabo, seconded by Mr. Banks, all in favor.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 3, 2017 meeting were reviewed, with a motion approve made by Mr. Szabo, seconded by Mr. Banks, all in favor.

APPLICATIONS

31 Maplewood Ave: (B31L2) within HD; Contributing; owners Mr. John Macready & Ms. Cheryl Sucher were present for discussion of their submitted application to install 2 side by side double hung windows (Marvin Integrity wood-ultrex) to replace 2 existing windows on south elevation rear addition. The header height will be the same, the sill will be raised by approximately 2 inches to allow for interior changes. The exterior aluminum siding will be matched. The selected windows are appropriate for this project.

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

14 North Main St: (B32,L13) within HD, Contributing; Owner Ms. Donelda Cox, Contractor Mr. Darrin Myers and Architect Mr. Joseph Primiano were present for discussion. Current photos of the Harry N. Scott house were distributed for HPC, copy will be placed in file. Proposed is to reinstall a wrap-a-round porch with a roof and new concrete sidewalks. Mr. Primiano stated that the intent of this project is to replace the missing porch as shown in the old photos (c.1915) matching the original design and materials. This includes the style of the round columns, the red Ohio brick, the limestone caps, the diamond pattern inlay and the balcony. He brought to HPC's attention that the sidewalks will be concrete not brick as stipulated on the submitted plans. The homeowners have some of the original brick and the original wood columns were found stored in the freestanding garage. Depending on the condition, the columns will be reused. If the columns are not structurally intact, a structural steel post will be inserted into the center or a composite column will be used. A portion of the original knee wall with columns is still standing (north elev.) and the original foundation around the structure has been uncovered. The knee wall on the porch will be reproduced and capped with limestone. The porch step treads will be limestone, risers will be brick. The porch decking will be T&G composite. Porch ceiling will be bead board with ceiling mounted illumination. The porch roofing material will match the existing asphalt shingles. Continued on page 2

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Mr. Szabo asked if there are plans to install skirting on the back/side porch. Ms. Cox stated that there are no plans for installing skirting for this porch as perhaps foundation plantings will be put in at some future time.

Mr. Myers informed HPC that much of the protected front grade eroded when the porch was removed. He estimated that approximately 16" was lost due to water shedding. Plans are to add fill dirt to the front and front corner lawn in order to have the porch floor closer to the ground.

Originally, above the North Main Street (west elev.) entrance, a second floor balcony with railings existed. The door that lead to the balcony was removed and replaced with a window by a previous owner. This detail will be duplicated which includes a tapered railing. HPC suggested that the rail spacing match the existing for a cohesive look. All applicable details for this plan will meet current codes.

HPC is excited that this structure is receiving attention and that the previously removed details are being addressed. Ms. Cox asked about installing the original shutters and using the original hardware. HPC is in favor for the shutters to be reinstalled.

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

57 North Main St: (B23,L51.01) within HD, Non-Contributing; application received to change the face of the existing mounted illuminated box. Proposed replacement is a plexi-glass face with a white translucent background with brown and orange lettering with a design on a vinyl sticker. There was discussion about the backlight and if the light intensity would be too bright. This changed signage needs to be reviewed/approved by the Zoning Officer.

Hearing no other questions or concerns regarding this sign, roll call to approve: AYES; Mr. Banks, Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Ryan, Mr. Szabo, and Mr. Walsh.

NEW BUSINESS

The Intensive Level Survey has been put on the Township website and HPC webpage. It includes the introduction and survey pages that were inventoried.

OLD BUSINESS

CLG Grant reimbursement information was requested by the NJSHPO. The requested information was sent on October 17th. Payment has been made to R.G. Grubb & Assoc. The payment information was part of the supplied information sent for review and reimbursement.

New Homeowner Letter was addressed. HPC discussed and suggested changes to the informational letter. The changes will be incorporated for further review.

DISCUSSION

Training: Mr. Szabo registered for the November 11th Architecture in Color; Historic Paints & Finishes to be held at Rutgers-Camden.

Mr. Szabo is unable to attend the December 18th Township Committee meeting to give a presentation regarding the Intensive Level Survey. Mr. Szabo will reach out to the Township Clerk to confirm the agenda.

20 North Main Street: Mr. Szabo noticed that the lighting fixtures on the building have been replaced and are similar in scale to the previous fixtures and has the appropriate looks appropriate. The lamp post in front of the funeral parlor building has been reinforced and painted. Atop this lamp post is the last remaining original Cranbury street lantern, therefore, HPC appreciates the owner's efforts to maintain this fixture as part of the street scape of historic downtown Cranbury.

143 North Main Street: the inground pool project is underway.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, a motion duly made by Ms. Ryan, seconded 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 October 17, 2017 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 21st day of November 2017.

Linda M. Scott, Recording Secretary