

**MINUTES
OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CRANBURY, NEW JERSEY
AUGUST 16, 2022**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) was held on August 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm by remote access videoconferencing in response to COVID-19 and the Open Public Meeting Act guidelines.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) was provided of this meeting's date, time, and place, and the 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. Notification of remote access meetings going forward, until further notice, was posted on the Township website on July 3, 2020 and sent to the Trenton Times, Home News, and Cranbury Press on July 3, 2020.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Ms. Ryan, Chair; Mr. Golisano, Vice-Chair; Ms. Marlowe; Ms. Suttmeier (arrived late, was not eligible to vote for application); Mr. Walsh; Mr. Szabo, Alt I and Mr. Geier, Alt II

Professionals and Staff Present: Robin Tillou, Historic Preservation Commission Secretary
Matt Scott, Township Committee Liaison

APPLICATIONS

HPC158-22 - #4 Scott Avenue, Block 33, Lot 34 – Historic District - Windows

Mr. Golisano recused himself from this application.

Ms. Barbara Nelson was present and is the Owner and Applicant for the Certificate of Approval Application for 4 Scott Avenue.

Ms. Nelson introduced the application by stating some windows have been replaced already and the proposal is to now replace the remaining windows. The windows will have chains, double hung, and storm windows. They have spoken with Andersen about using the fibric windows which can be custom built. The windows will be like for like. All windows will be 2 x 3s, full divided light with energy spacer. The spacers are applied to the outside and the inside of the window and have two panes of glass. They will be white as they are now.

Chair Ryan asked if there are inserts and how the trim of the windows are being treated as in the window sashes?

Ms. Nelson stated they will be treated, and the frame is not rotted so it is in decent shape.

Mr. Szabo stated the main thing is the way the windows are mounted on the sashes.

Ms. Nelson stated it will be as like for like as possible without rebuilding the window.

Chair Ryan would like more detail of the sliding door.

Ms. Nelson stated it is one of the newer window doors that has a crack in it. We are replacing it with a slider and a divider. The door is on the lake side of the home. It will be an Andersen with a 3 x 5 pane.

Mr. Walsh made the motion to approve the 50 N. Main Street CoA Application. Ms. Marlowe offered a second.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Ms. Marlowe, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Szabo and Mr. Geier

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

OLD BUSINESS

Cranbury Station Hamlet Historic District

Ms. Suttmeier stated she will be working on the national registry submittal after this meeting.

Vice-Chair Golisano stated an email was sent out to Richard Grubb's office regarding assistance with mapping due to their offering at an event. It may help in the grant funding for the future.

Cranbury Township Signage

Ms. Suttmeier went over the power point that was provided to the HPC with recommendations based on the discussion that was had at previous HPC meetings.

Ms. Suttmeier displayed the map with the indicators of where the signs proposed are to be located.

Mr. Geier stated there should be one more historic district sign on Cranbury Neck Road.

Mr. Szabo stated they are in the beginning phase of figuring out the borders of Cranbury Village with the possible changes that will be made.

Ms. Suttmeier went over the verbiage of the power point of the signage being requested for additional signs, replacement of signage and cleaning up of signage.

Ms. Suttmeier would like to know if this can be shared with EDAC and the TC.

Mr. Scott stated it goes well with EDAC and increasing pedestrian safety. The Township Committee would like to get pricing to have it ready and in the budget for next year. The more specific the better for pricing. The TC is putting a way finder sign on Station Road and Route 130. The only issue with HPC's signage proposal is Plainsboro Road and Old Trenton Road are county roads. In general, the signage proposal goes along with what the Mayor is trying to do with increasing bike and pedestrian friendliness.

Mr. Szabo stated the new Cranbury Station Hamlet needs signage.

Ms. Suttmeier stated we need confirmation of where there are signs existing regarding street signs.

Mr. Scott feels there should be EDAC input first. He has advised the TC of the presentation and they are expecting it.

Mr. Golisano stated we wanted TC input to make sure we are getting the overall guidance from them to make sure we are not crossing paths with anything else that is going on in the Township.

Ms. Suttmeier stated she will be working on getting better maps in, make sure the locations are aligned correctly and putting in the Cranbury Station Hamlet signage. We will show it to EDAC at the next meeting. HPC should investigate if there are any possible grants for signage.

Mr. Szabo stated traditionally the Township was advised they cannot go for the matching grants.

Mr. Scott stated he is not sure if that is true regarding not being able to apply for matching grants.

Mr. Scott stated the signs have deteriorated and if the town takes ownership of the signage they can be fixed as opposed to looking towards others such as the Historic Society.

Ms. Suttmeier would also like signage for the railroad near the Hamlet District.

CLG Grant

Ms. Ryan stated there is a mandatory training for the next year's CLG grant application.

Mr. Szabo stated the mandatory training is September 8, 2022 and it will be recorded.

Ms. Ryan stated the grant limit is now \$50,000.

Mr. Szabo believes we should be receiving the contract to sign in September for signature.

Mr. Golisano stated they could look toward objectives in the master plan even if down the line for the grant for next year.

Mr. Szabo stated the outline of the farmhouses are trickier due to getting permission from the property owner. The new development of The Regency, on Dey Road, had a farmhouse that was torn down. We should take pictures of historical pieces to have that picture and if we know there will be a new development, we should take pictures knowing it may come down.

Planning Board Letter

Ms. Ryan stated the HPC letter was read by her at the August 4, 2022 PB hearing. She was told that due to the time elapsing and that being the final hearing for the developer the time had passed for recommendations to be considered and implemented. Many of the ideas have been incorporated into the plan based on the second hearing. There was an environmental buffer that mimics the buffer that we were looking for. The issue of a whole planning application going through and HPC not hearing of it until the end will change.

Ms. Tillou stated as per ordinance § 93-6, Referral of development applications from municipal agencies, it states only designated historic sites, historic district and buffer areas should the HPC be notified once an application is submitted and deemed complete.

Chair Ryan stated her employment at a University has historic districts, and they have old buildings. People will contact her asking if it has any protections and she must notify them it is an old building and try to mitigate that. A survey of farmhouses that were spoken of would be a step towards that. The farmhouse survey would be a step toward any threat toward the farmhouse, so it is protected.

Vice-Chair Golisano stated the earlier the better for getting a Board application for development. There was plenty of feedback after from PB members. It was a good meeting for the district as far as keeping the construction vehicles out of the area. He would like to know if the buffer zone for the Cranbury Station Hamlet District will be in the HPC purview.

Mr. Scott announced in person meetings will begin September 10, 2022 for all Boards and Committees.

MINUTES August 2, 2022 Meeting

Ms. Marlowe made the motion to approve the minutes with revisions. Vice-Chair Golisano offered a second.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Golisano, Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Suttmeier and Mr. Walsh
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None

DISCUSSION

Vice-Chair Golisano stated he would like to get something done for the railing at the Brainerd Lake that is tilted due to the bend in it.

Mr. Szabo stated there was two posts there and there was a gap, and people were concerns children can get through the gap. They took the post out and bent the railing and put it into the other post. People stand on the railing, and it bends.

Vice Chair Golisano mentioned the project for the Historical Society for the home in the park has made substantial progress. There will be more to come.

APPLICATION

Ms. Tillou advised the HPC of the reviewed minor applications/ordinary maintenance and repair.

<u>App. #</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>		<u>Location – Project</u>	
147-22	29	5	HD	86 N. Main Street - Fence	Approved
149-22	26	12	BA	10 Plainsboro Road - Solar Panels	Approved
150-22	28	3	HD	97 N. Main Street - Gazebo	Approved
151-22	23	33	HD	11 Prospect Street - Shed	Approved
152-22	30	7	HD	1 Park Place East - Signage	Approved
155-22	26	29.06	BA	19 Silvers Lane - Porch on Back Patio	Approved
156-22	35	19	BA	23 Station Road - Garage Door Replacement	Approved
157-22	26	29.06	BA	19 Silvers Lane - Composite Deck with Pavilion	Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Ryan opened the meeting to the public.

Deanne Napurano, 92 Halsey Reed Road, stated she would like to thank the HPC for their efforts.

With no further public comments, Chair Ryan closed the public forum.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, a motion was made by Vice-Chair Golisano to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Marlowe offered a second. By unanimous vote, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 8:30 pm.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed secretary of the Cranbury Township Historic Preservation Commission, and that this document, consisting of three pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 16, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name on this day of September 7, 2022.

Robin Tillou

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Recording Secretary

Historic Preservation Commission