

**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 2, 2018 beginning at 7:31 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, 2017, 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. Ryan called the meeting to order and Ms. Scott performed as recording secretary.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Banks, Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Ryan, Mr. Szabo, and Mr. Walsh.

APPLICATIONS

32 North Main Street (B32, L5): within Historic District; Mr. Ronald Witt, Jr. was present for discussion regarding the approved roofing application of August 21, 2018. Mr. Witt submitted a color coded aerial map of the building indicating the various roof sections. He explained that Davinci (slate black) synthetic slate shingles will be used on the roof sections seen from North Main Street where slate shingles are currently and the remaining sections will be re-roofed with Timberline (pewter grey) asphalt shingles. HPC is agreeable with the color coded plan as submitted and discussed. It was requested that the snow eagles be reinstalled on the front section seen from North Main Street.

Hearing no other questions or comments for this application, roll call to approve this application with the stated recommendation; AYES: Mr. Banks, Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Ryan, Mr. Szabo, and Mr. Walsh.

2 North Main Street (B33,L38); within Historic District; owners Christopher and Caryn Farnum were present for discussion of the submitted fence application. Mr. Farnum explained that a black aluminum fence, matching the existing iron railing on their front porch, is proposed to be installed from the south corner of house to approximately 2' from lake, along the south east elevation and the east elevation. HPC is fine with selected style fence.

Hearing no other questions or comments for this application, roll call to approve this application with the stated recommendation; AYES: Mr. Banks, Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Ryan, Mr. Szabo, and Mr. Walsh.

91 North Main Street (B28,L7): within the Historic District; no one present for discussion. Application received on September 12, 2018. Application proposes to install two rails on each side of the front steps leading to the front porch/entrance. The balusters will be squared, made from Azek material. The rail tops and bottoms, posts and newels will be made of wood. Risers and sides will be replaced with Azek. A sketch of the proposed was included with application. HPC commented that the design is appropriate for this style home.

Hearing no other questions or comments for this application, roll call to approve this application with the stated recommendation; AYES: Mr. Banks, Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Ryan, Mr. Szabo, and Mr. Walsh.

79 North Main Street, (B23,L42.01): within Historic District; Business owner, Ms. Melissa Edwards informed the secretary that the sign application was not approved by the zoning officer. She has withdrawn the application.

7 Park Place (B30,L9) within Historic District; application received with supporting documentation. Proposed is to remove the existing 3'H wooden picket fence and install a 5'H wooden picket fence with arched top gate. The fence will be painted white. This application has been deemed as a minor application, HPC Chair has reviewed and approved this application, pending zoning approval.

MINUTES

The minutes from the September 18, 2018, meeting was reviewed, minor corrections made and approved. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Szabo, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

FFY 2017/2018 CLG Grant Application: The final inventory submission has been submitted. There are a few properties with recommended changes in classification. Ms. Jenna Solomon of the NJSHPO sent an email to PS&S for a better understanding how they arrived at the justification. Ms. Solomon stated that 15 properties were newly recommended with status changes, some subsequent to listing of 1980 and some that occurred after 1988. HPC began to review each property. Mr. Banks expressed his concern that if Cranbury formally agrees with the changes, the decision may affect the status as an historic district and may impact applying for future grants. PS&S survey covers the second half of the entire Historic District. In the 2016 Survey performed by R.G.Grubb & Associates, the classification was discussed for some properties but was not changed due to the period of significance.

Ms. Ryan read that of the 109 properties surveyed, 5 are Key, 75 are contributing, and 29 are non-contributing. After much discussion, review of survey forms and HPC files, the HPC feels that the classification status should remain and not change. It was noticed that a few addresses on the inventory forms do not match the property name and description. This will be brought to PS&S's attention for correcting.

Secretary will send a response email regarding the incorrect address descriptions to the SHPO office and PS&S.

DISCUSSION:

New Owner Letters Sent: none.

Training opportunities for 2017 are still available. www.njht.org/dca/njht/events/. One day seminars and webinars are preferred. Traditional Building webinars can be viewed any time. Mr. Szabo will send a link so the HPC volunteers can view webinars sponsored by Traditional Building.

Book recommendations to help build the HPC library are welcome.

An HPC volunteer's term will expire on December 31, 2018. Ms. Ryan asked if Mr. Walsh, HPC volunteer, would be interested in serving for another term. Mr. Walsh expressed he would be happy to serve. His new term date would be until December 2022.

Volunteer opportunities to encourage people to volunteer is scheduled to be held on October 12th at the Cranbury Inn. Organizations from town will be present this evening to meet and greet any interested individual who may be interested in volunteering. Ms. Marlowe stated that she will be attending.

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 October 2, 2018 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 16th day of October 2018.

Linda M. Scott, Recording Secretary