

**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 16, 2018 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 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, and Mr. Szabo. Mr. Walsh requested to be excused, motion to excuse made by Mr. Szabo, seconded by Ms. Ryan, all in favor.

APPLICATIONS

14 Station Road (B18,L14): within the Historic District: Mr. Rich Giarrusso was present for discussion of his application to install a shed in the rear yard and install pavers in the driveway. Mr. Giarrusso proposes to install a storage shed in the south east corner in the rear of their yard. The roofing material will match the house, cement siding, and Azek trim are proposed. Two windows will be installed on the sides of the double doors.

Mr. Giarrusso stated that the existing gravel driveway, up to the south east corner of the house will be paved. The existing gravel drive from the rear corner of the house to the rear of the property will be turned into lawn. Granite pavers is the preferred material for paving the driveway from the public walk to just beyond the back edge of house as depicted on the plot plan. Brick will be installed on the border perimeter. The pitch of the driveway will be rectified so the water runs away from the house. This material will be added to the application and should there be a field change, a new application will be submitted.

Hearing no other questions or comments for this application, roll call to approve this application as submitted and discussed with the granite pavers; AYES: Mr. Banks, Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Ryan, and Mr. Szabo.

96 North Main Street (B29,L1.01); within Historic District; owner Michael Mann was present for discussion of the submitted amendment to the prior approved application. Mr. Mann explained that the siding is almost completed as well as the framing of the first floor windows on the south and east elevations. Photos of the work were submitted with the application. The north and west elevation window trim frames were to remain exposed. He has returned to seek permission to wrap the exposed window trim frame as in the submitted photos of the first floor windows on the south elevation which have been trimmed in green aluminum while maintaining the pediment detail over the windows. This application revisit is to request the first floor north and west elevation window frames also be wrapped in aluminum. HPC questioned the wrapped aluminum and how it would be sealed. Their concern is if water may get behind the wrapped windows and deteriorate the wood framing without being noticed. Mr. Mann explained that he showed the workers the best way to apply the sealant. Mr. Mann understands the historic character and value of this structure. It is his desire to protect its integrity.

Hearing no other questions or comments for this application, roll call to approve the amendment to the previously approved application; AYES: Mr. Banks, Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Ryan, and Mr. Szabo.

148 North Main St. (B26.01,L29.28) within Buffer Area; application received on September 19th, for installation of a composite deck onto the back of the house. Application reviewed by Chair, no impact.

122 North Main St. (B26.01,,L23) inquiry received of the location of this structure, outside the HD & BA

24 Station Rd. (B18,L18) within Historic District; application received on October 4th to macadam driveway from rear corner of house to the freestanding garage and to install a fence on perimeter. The fence will match the existing and the front section of the driveway will remain stone. Application approved pending zoning officer's approval.

138 North Main St. (B26.01,L26) within Buffer Area; application received to install a 5'H picket style fence in backyard. Application reviewed, no impact to Historic District.

33 Maplewood Ave. (B31,L1) within Historic District: it was noticed that scaffolding is in place for repairs to the front porch roof. Secretary spoke with owner who states that years ago when the porch was re-roofed, materials were improperly installed allowing rainwater to enter and damage some of the wood. The roof has since had repairs performed and new shingles matching the main roof installed. Owner states he will not file an application. Yankee gutter has been lined with copper.

MINUTES

The minutes from the October 2, 2018, meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Szabo, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

FFY 2017/2018 CLG Grant Application:

DISCUSSION:

HPC Application Updates: Mr. Szabo suggested that received applications be numbered to help easily identify them. He suggested a box be inserted on the application so consecutive numbers may be logged when the application is received. This change along with others will be made and reviewed by the HPC. Secretary will work on a draft of the changes and after approval, the amended form can be used beginning 2019.

New Owner Letters Sent: none.

Several book recommendations were received to build the HPC reference library. *The Old Barn Book, A Field Guide to North American Barns & Other Farm Structures* by Allen G. Noble & Richard K. Cleek was purchased.

2017 CLG Intensive Level Survey is complete. Secretary states that she is waiting for SHPO to review and confirm that all work according to the contract has been received and met before mailing out the final payment. The forms are not living documents and cannot be updated by the Town. The State has access to the forms.

Newsletter Article is due on October 25th and will be written and submitted by Mr. Szabo.

CHPS: A very old house (c.1750) on Old Trenton Road house has been recently sold/purchased. Ms. Marlowe stated that this structure, across from Millstone Park area was purchased and was going to be demolished. A couple of groups interested in history (CHPS and Middlesex Cultural Heritage Commission) have visited this house to investigate its construction. She says that the Marquis de Lafayette has visited this site several times. The owner is cooperative and has given his permission to move the home (or whatever needs to be done) since this is a recent discovery. The next step will be remove some of the modern façade covering. Updates will be supplied as they develop.

Ms. Marlowe attended the Volunteer Get-together organized for October 12th at the Cranbury Inn and reports that it was well attended.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, a motion duly made by Mr. Szabo, seconded by Ms. Marlowe 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 16, 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 6th day of November 2018.

Linda M. Scott, Recording Secretary