

**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 December 4, 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

14 North Main Street (B32, L13): within the Historic District; Owner, Mr. David Cox was present for a discussion of the current installed fence and the fence approved by HPC at the August 21, 2018 meeting. Mr. Cox explained that a different (gothic style) fence design was installed, not the approved one. He continued saying that recently a zoning violation notice was received for the height, spacing, the installed location requirement (due to being located on corner), and the installation of an unapproved fence design.

HPC reviewed the application and discussion ensued. HPC asked Mr. Cox if he had thoughts as to how best to rectify the installed fence situation without having to incur much or little expense. HPC suggested to possibly remove the bottom crossbar and 6" of the pickets which will lower the existing height to 36"H and the bottom crossbar will then be reinstalled. The posts would also be cut down to size and the finial reinstalled. This would address all of the zoning violations. Mr. Cox stated that another option would be to keep the existing height of 42", and depending on the costs involved, to go to zoning. HPC expressed that they are not fine with cutting 6" of the picket top off as an option. Mr. Cox stated the fence will be painted white.

After much discussion, HPC approved the installed gothic style fence, subject to zoning approval. If not approved by zoning, however, the homeowner will modify the fence to 36"H.

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

8 Park Place (B32, L22) within Historic District; application received on November 27 to re-roof the existing concrete parged two-story garage/barn located in the rear yard. The proposed asphalt shingles will replace asphalt shingles. Application deemed as ordinary maintenance.

6 South Main St. (B23, L73) application received on November 28th to replace the fascia board on the north elevation with like material. Application deemed as ordinary maintenance.

MINUTES

The November 6, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed, amended, and approved. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Szabo, seconded by Ms. Ryan, with all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ms. Marlowe invited Mr. Steven Golisano to give a presentation on the dwelling located on Old Trenton Road. Mr. Golisano, the CHPS (Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society) and the Middlesex County Cultural Commission have been investigating the structure's age, which might possibly be the oldest structure within Cranbury. The current owner is understanding and has allowed CHPS until September 2019 to formulate and execute a plan to save this structure. Mr. Golisano stated that and presented a plan to move this structure across the road into the Millstone Park for the public to enjoy. Fortunately, this Park was part of the original approximately 110-acre farm and structure.

Mr. Golisano presented historic documents and the projected plans for this structure. The HPC was excited over the history and very impressed to hear the project details and its future plans. HPC thanked him for a very thorough presentation.

Mr. Golisano and members of the CHPS will appear before the Township Committee on Monday, December 10th, to discuss, present and gain support. Plans to move this structure across the road to the Millstone Park will be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Vacancy: two individuals expressed interest in the Alternate 2 position. Should there be another meeting in December, the secretary has been asked to invite one of the applicants. It is a good idea for this person to gain an understanding of what the HPC is charged with and also to meet the applicant. The other applicant, is familiar to HPC, and this person is familiar with HPC.
- Goals will be moved to the next agenda.
- Gateway/Hagerty Property: this project is advertised on the Planning Board agenda. It was suggested that HPC members attend this meeting to hear details. No more than two members may attend to prevent a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

- FFY 2017/2018 CLG Grant Application: It was reported that the Survey is completed. A letter was received from NJ State stating that Cranbury can apply for reimbursement. All the supporting documentation was sent to the State on December 3rd.

DISCUSSION:

- New Owner Letters: None sent.
- HPC Application will not be discussed this evening and will be moved to the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, a motion duly made by Mr. Banks, 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 December 4, 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 18th day of December 2018.

Linda M. Scott, Recording Secretary