

**MINUTES
OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CRANBURY, NEW JERSEY
MIDDLESEX COUNTY**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Cranbury Township Historic Preservation Commission was held in Town Hall, Cranbury, New Jersey, on May 21, 2019 beginning at 7:00 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 20, 2018, 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.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Banks, Mr. Golisano (1st Alt.), Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Ryan, and Mr. Szabo. Mr. Walsh requested to be excused. Motion to excuse was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Szabo, all in favor. Record will reflect that Mr. Golisano did not participate.

MINUTES

The minutes from the May 7, 2019, meeting were reviewed with amendments. Motion to approve as amended was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Ms. Marlowe, all in favor. INELIGIBLE; Mr. Golisano

APPLICATIONS

HPC016-19; #16 Station Rd., (B18,L15) within HD; Mr. Steven Golisano, representing the owner and Mr. Sal Golisano, General Contractor, was conferenced in via phone. Mr. Steven Golisano stated that he is recusing himself from the HPC meeting to discuss this application. The proposed application is for a one-story addition to the rear of the house. Over the years, a number of additions have been added to the structure. Two new rooms will be added on the first level, with a hallway connecting the existing garage, existing kitchen to the new addition. The existing exterior rear stair system will be removed and stairs will be incorporated into new interior space. A rear window will be removed to be replaced with a door. The siding material on the new addition will match existing. Anderson 400 Series and Therma Tru doors are proposed materials.

Hearing no other concerns or questions, roll call to approve this application as submitted: AYES: Mr. Banks, Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Ryan, and Mr. Szabo. Record reflects that Mr. Golisano was recused.

Plans will be submitted so they may be stamped for the Construction Dept. Zoning approval will be submitted too.

HPC017-19; #13 North Main St., (B23, L67) within HD; application received on May 14, 2019 to replace a rear entry door with a similar style entry door. The application was deemed as a minor application. Mr. Banks asked the attending HPC members if they had questions or objections. Hearing none, Mr. Banks approved this minor application. Record will reflect that Ms. Marlowe and Mr. Golisano were ineligible.

HPC 018-19 and HPC019-19; 14 Symmes Ct., (B23,L92) within HD; applications received on May 15, 2019.

- HPC018-19 is to install a fence around a vegetable garden with cedar slats and hardware cloth. Application deemed as a minor application. Zoning approval has been granted.
- HPC019-19 is to remove the existing cement veneer and expose the original block foundation of the existing house. This application deemed as a minor application.

Mr. Banks asked if the attending HPC members if they had questions or objections. Hearing none for both applications, Mr. Banks approved and signed the applications.

HPC012-19; #70 North Main St., (B30,L2.01) within HD; application received on April 23,2019 to install a 6'H vinyl fence in the rear yard, north elevation. The fence will extend from the northeast corner of house to the row of shrubbery along the back property line according to the supplied plot plan. Application does not state exactly how many feet of fence is proposed to be installed. HPC is aware of the install location and that weather elements and snow plowing from the adjacent bank driveway and parking lot are an issue. The application is incomplete since the fence specifications and/or a picture of the fence design has not been included. Fencing change in style, height and length require review and approval from the Zoning Officer. The HPC discussed that perhaps a more substantial foundation and other materials to withstand the elements might work best against the proposed material. Secretary and Zoning Officer have sent emails to applicant for the additional information.

HPC015-19; #37 Station Rd., (B37,L10) within BA, application received on May 13th. Proposed is to remove the fiberglass garage door and replace it with two double hung windows (to match existing but in scale) and shutters. Landscaping will be installed where concrete apron once was. The interior space is being altered into a family room. No other design changes will occur. Chair reviewed the application with no issues.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

New Homeowner Letters: none sent.

DISCUSSION:

Master Plan Subcommittee: An email was sent to Mr. Preiss inquiring when the next meeting will be held. Mr. Preiss responded that it will be held on June 5th, but the agenda is full. Unless there is something new or different than what was present at the February meeting, the HPC does not need to attend.

Mr. Szabo did additional work on the inventory. He passed out copies of the 2010 MP (Pages7-10 to 7-13) noting seven recommendation bullets. He drafted an updated paragraph within Section B but is not certain of its legalese. Mr. Banks offered to edit this paragraph. Mr. Szabo brought attention to Table 7-1: *Inventory of Historic Sites*. These outlying farm sites have already been listed within the MP, so there is no need to add this. The HPC discussed updating this table to remove the property owner column and to indicate if the site has been demolished. It could be possible in the near future to apply for a CLG grant to do an intensive level survey for a deeper history of these properties. Mr. Szabo suggested concentrating on adding the 34 properties to make the HD (Historic District) contiguous. These areas include North Main Street, Brainerd Lake, property near Heritage Park, Station Road, Cranbury Neck Road, Prospect Street, Plainsboro Road and eliminate areas of the Buffer Area.

Ms. Ryan asked about the last bullet item under *Recommendations*: The HPC should also consider updating the design guidelines listed in Chapter 93 Historic Preservation of the Township Code to address the use of renewable energy resources. She inquired if this has ever been discussed or addressed. Mr. Szabo stated that HPC has reviewed it, and this was not the first of this kind. A recent application was received to install solar shingles with recommendations, and another application included geo-thermal heating energy. In these applications, the HPC followed the Secretary of Interior Standards, which was updated (2011) to include renewable energy and sustainability.

Mr. Szabo worked on Table 7-1: Inventory of Historic Sites. He also added house numbers to the street location for easier reference. There are additional sites that HPC feels should be included but are not listed. For instance, recently 87 Old Trenton Road was found to be possibly the oldest structure in Cranbury. The column of Property Owner can be eliminated. There are a few sites that no longer exist. These could be marked as demolished.

Vacancy: there are no new candidate application for the Alternate 2 position.

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 May 21, 2019 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 July 2019.

Linda M. Scott, Recording Secretary