

**MINUTES
OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CRANBURY, NEW JERSEY
FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) was held on February 15, 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, Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Suttmeier, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Szabo, Alt I

Members Absent: Mr. Geier, Alt II

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

APPLICATIONS

HPC136-22, #81/83 N. Main Street, Block 23, Lot 41 – Windows and Doors

Elizabeth and Christopher Cornick were present and are the Owners/Applicants for 81/83 N. Main Street Certificate of Approval Application.

Mr. Cornick explained that they had purchased the house in April 2021. Some of the windows were repurposed into the addition of the house. They could be the original windows. They are varied sizes. They are the traditional historic storm windows. Most of them do not function. The two (2) doors on the application are the front door on the front porch on Main Street and the other is a farmer's porch door that resides on the Bunker Hill side of the house. The hardware does not fit, and the door does not close on Bunker Hill. There are approximately thirty windows between the two homes. All replacements will be the same size openings and same door locations.

Chair Ryan stated when researching the previous CoA application for this property for the addition there was discussion regarding reusing the old windows and the previous homeowners were approved for new windows, but the old windows ended up going in the new addition. The resource survey for the properties states the character defining points of the property. For #83 it mentions the louvered gabled end window, the rafters and the porch with the spindlework details. For #81 it states character defining features are the shingled roof and the frieze band windows.

Ms. Cornick stated they did propose to install new louvered shutters on the windows.

Ms. Marlowe asked is they would put them on hinges, so they look like they work or would you attach them to the building.

Mr. Cornick stated they would attach them to the building.

Mr. Szabo asked what the materials for the shutters would be.

Mr. Cornick stated they are proposed as vinyl.

Mr. Szabo suggested what Ms. Marlowe referred to which is when the shutters are mounted on the outside of the frame of the window it does not give the right look. If they start at the bottom of the sash and go to the top sash, they are shorter or longer and it does not look right. If they are on hinges, they look like they can close. If the shutters are not mounted on hinges, then they could be mounted on the inside edge of the window casing to give a more correct appearance.

Ms. Marlowe stated they should look as if they could close.

Ms. Ryan stated the resource survey states the 83 N. Main Street windows are replacement wood sash windows for the six-over-six windows.

Mr. Szabo stated that the important thing with the replacement of windows is how they are mounted in the existing frame. They should be installed the closest to the width of the windows that they are replacing. It was suggested that to keep the existing windows from the land fill, the contractor could sell the windows to a salvage, or another homeowner may be able to use them.

Vice-Chair Golisano asked about the product being used and the details of them.

Mr. Cornick stated the windows are proposed as Marvin Infinity series with the grill to the window itself. They are not interior grills. We would keep the six-over-six other than the ones on 81 N. Main Street on the second level. Any full-size windows would be six-over-six.

Vice-Chair Golisano asked if they had considered simulated divided lite with the spacer bar between the grill which makes it appear to be a like historic window.

Mr. Cornick stated he did consider going to the simulated divided lite but replacing thirty windows becomes costly.

Vice-Chair stated in past projects we have designated the front elevations more than the side or rear elevations.

Mr. Cornick stated the intent for the barn house is to do inserts and keep the wood frame.

Mr. Szabo asked if they would be full or half screens.

Mr. Cornick stated they will be just the lower half.

Vice-Chair Golisano asked what door style they would be choosing.

Mr. Cornick stated they had chosen steel. They have a mix. The existing door on the front has lights on the door itself and on the screen door. We would like to make them align since they do not right now. The interior door (the door itself) would be a transparent glass and to put the lights in the screen door, so you do not have the misalignment of the grills. On the Bunker Hill side, the intent is to make the two doors match. Same installation on both doors to give uniformity. The interior doors are flat steel, and the storm door has detailing on the bottom half, which is glass, a picture frame detail on it. The exterior storm door is the Ellison cut sheet for the storm door and page four of the guardian series specs is the interior door.

Chair Ryan made a motion to approve 81/83 N. Main Street with the conditions of putting windows on the front façade on Main Street to be simulated divided light and the remaining windows not on N. Main Street may be grill between glass. Mr. Walsh offered a second.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Golisano, Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Suttmeier and Mr. Walsh

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

OLD BUSINESS

2021 Year End Report

Mr. Scott stated HPC can present to the Township Committee on March 28, 2022.

Vice Chair Golisano agreed to that date, and he will be presenting on behalf of the HPC.

The Commission went over the application for the CLG Year End Report with an addition to the 2022 goals to add Cranbury Station Hamlet HD to the NJ Register of Historic Places and to correct the year for the action's spreadsheet.

Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant-In-Aid 2023 (FFY 2022)

Mr. Szabo stated the grant was submitted to the State office on January 20, 2022.

Camden RR/Cranbury Station Hamlet HD Signage

Mr. Scott had an update that Evelyn Spann, Township Committee, has not heard back from the contacts that she had reached out to regarding moving the Camden RR signs.

Vice Chair Golisano stated we were going to investigate the possibility of adding a sign for the Hamlet Historic District that will give an overall description of the area of the houses and the buildings.

Ms. Suttmeier stated while researching interpretive signage she had seen that there are several decisions that goes into the Hamlet signage. There are opportunities that she had found with grants that could help with the signage costs.

Mr. Szabo stated there could be opportunity to team up with the Historical Society, if they are willing, which would possibly open the option for matching grants.

Ms. Suttmeier addressed the signs in the township that are rotting, and the Commission should incorporate those signs into a grant as well.

Ms. Marlowe stated the Historical Society is cleaning up the signs that they are responsible for.

Vice Chair Golisano advised that any grants that are found to submit them to Ms. Tillou who will then distribute to the Commission for our review.

Mr. Scott would like a list for all the signs that need to be replaced to advise the Township Committee.

Mr. Szabo advised of the Rails to Trails. And if there is a connection to Monroe for the proposed Cranbury trails it would be perfect that there will be pedestrian traffic with the trail for the sign.

Vice Chair suggested if Rails to Trails have a meeting some of the Commission could possibly join into the meeting.

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Chair Ryan made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Marlowe offered a second.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Ryan opened the meeting to the public.

With no public comment, Chair Ryan closed the public forum.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, a motion was made by Chairperson Ryan to adjourn the meeting and Vice Chair Golisano 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 four pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 18, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name on this day of March 16, 2022.

Robin Tillou

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Recording Secretary

Historic Preservation Commission