

Historic Preservation Commission  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 2020

- Call to Order

Chairperson Pat Fisher-Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. She announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met, and that this meeting had been duly advertised.

- Roll Call

In attendance were Commissioners Pat Fisher-Olsen, Alan Harwick, Erin Brennan, Herb Fischer, Chuck Waters, John Woodward and Alternate Commissioners Dana Maurer and Stephen Nees. Jim Carden arrived late.

- Mount Amwell Project

Dave Reading of the Mount Amwell Project came before the Commission to update it on their efforts at the Haypress and Woodschurch Cemeteries. He noted that he had sent reports to the Township Administrator. Chairperson Fisher-Olsen responded that she had not received them. He will copy her on future reports.

Reading described the group's Stewardship Program, according to which one person sees to the maintenance and other needs of the properties. Dave Voorhees is the steward for the Haypress Cemetery and Dennis Grainey is the steward for Woodschurch.

Reading then pointed out the need of a sign for the Haypress Cemetery. He indicated that a sample had been given in the recent report to the Township Administrator and he provided the Commission with a copy.

Motion by Erin Brennan to adopt the sign with wording and in the style as set forth in the report provided to the Commission, an excerpt is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Alan Harwick seconded the motion. Approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, A. Harwick, E. Brennan, H. Fischer, C. Waters, J. Woodward and D. Maurer.

Reading then described the tree problem at Woodschurch Cemetery. The fallen and leaning trees are dangerous and is prohibiting work on the property. Chairperson Fisher-Olsen will ask the Township Administrator to have Township buildings and grounds personnel remove the trees.

- Historic Preservation Commission Design Reviews

- Potterstown Historic District

Bl 4 L 6

236 Potterstown Road

Lebanon, NJ

Applicant: Chris Fletcher

Review: Generator

The application relates to the installation of a standby generator to be connected to an existing propane tank in the rear of the property. The Commissioners discussed the application.

Motion by Alan Harwick to approve the application as submitted. Jim Carden seconded the motion. Approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, A. Harwick, E. Brennan, J. Carden, H. Fischer, C. Waters and J. Woodward.

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BI 4 L 1  
271 Potterstown Road  
Lebanon, NJ  
Applicant: Thomas and Deborah Biondi  
Review: addition

The application relates to the removal of a balcony and the construction of a master bath addition over an existing side porch. The expanded addition will include two dormers with six over six simulated divided light windows on the southeast elevation, two eight over eight simulated divided light windows on the northwest elevation (see drawings for window specifications). The addition to be clad in white vinyl siding to match existing with shutters painted Behr's Barn Red. The roof will be GAF Timberline shingles – color yet to be decided by the owner, either Charcoal or Pewter Grey or Patriot Red. The Commissioners discussed the application.

Motion by Alan Harwick to approve the application as submitted. Jim Carden seconded the motion. Approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, A. Harwick, E. Brennan, J. Carden, H. Fischer, C. Waters and J. Woodward.

- Stanton Historic District  
BI 50 L 4  
Stanton General Stoor  
171 Stanton Road  
Stanton, NJ  
Applicant: Justin Carslisi  
Review: Propane Tank

The application relates to the installation of a 1,000 gallon propane tank to be installed at a safe distance from the rear of the building to replace the existing tanks that are too close to the structure. The Commissioners discussed the application.

Motion by Alan Harwick to approve the application as submitted. Chuck Waters seconded the motion. Approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, A. Harwick, E. Brennan, J. Carden, H. Fischer, C. Waters and J. Woodward.

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- Minutes. The commissioners reviewed the draft minutes from the February 11, 2020 meeting. Jim Carden moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. John Woodward seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Old Business
  - *Three Bridges National Register Application*: Chairperson Fisher-Olsen advised that she received the map back from Clarke Caton and Hintz. Erin Brennan described the historical timeline being prepared..
  - *Sign Ordinance Revision*: Chairperson Fisher-Olsen informed the Commission that she provided comments on the draft of the revised ordinance. She noted that it had conflicted in several areas with the Historic Preservation ordinance. The Planning Board brought the changes and comments to the planner for reconciliation.
- New Business
  - The Open House for the Willows will be on March 15 at 1:00 p.m. (subsequently postponed).
  - Chairperson Fisher-Olsen requested that each Commissioner try to identify any historically significant houses and/or outbuildings in their areas that are not on Plate 14.

Herb Fischer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan Harwick seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Erin Brennan.

## EXHIBIT A – Proposed Signage for Haypress Cemetery

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HAYPRESS CEMETERY  
A.K.A. OLD WHITEHOUSE CEMETERY  
EARLIEST BURIAL IS CAPT. CORNELIUS VANHORNE  
IN 1744. OTHER FAMILIES INCLUDE  
VORHEES, WYCHOFF, AND COVENHOVEN

Sign is aluminum would be 18" by 24". It would have the Seal of Readington Township and be similar to the one shown below. We will need approval to install.

