

Historic Preservation Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 9, 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. The meeting was held via Webex.

- Roll Call

In attendance were Commissioners Pat Fisher-Olsen, Alan Harwick, Erin Brennan, Jim Carden, Chuck Waters, and Alternate Commissioners Dana Maurer and Stephen Nees. Township Committee liaison Betty Ann Fort also attended. Commissioners Herb Fischer and John Woodward were absent.

- Historic Preservation Commission Design Reviews

- Potterstown Historic District

BL 4 L 7

238 Potterstown Road

Lebanon, NJ

Owners: Jocelyn and Stefan van den Akker

Review: Replace/Repair Porch

The application relates to the demolition and replacement of a small stoop-style side porch with a covered porch. Materials and construction methods will be of conventional means with 6 inch diameter wood columns and aluminum or wrought iron railings. Porch floor and steps will be random blue stone and faux stone veneer will be placed along the porch foundation to blend in with the original foundation. All wood trim will be painted white to match the trim on the rest of the structure. The Commission reviewed the application.

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

- Whitehouse-Mechanicsville Historic District

BI 13 L4 5

97 Old Highway 28

Whitehouse, NJ

Owner: Jason Pfluth

Review: pool installation

The application relates to the installation of an above-ground pool at the rear of the house. The pool will have a deck of pressure treated wood to match the existing stairway at the back of the house. The Commissioners discussed the application.

Commissioner Carden asked if the pool would be visible from Old Highway. Mr. Pflugh assured the Commission that the pool could not be seen as it would be approximately 75 feet from the road and hidden by a large tree.

Motion by Jim Carden to approve the application as submitted. Chuck Waters seconded the motion. Approved by vote of P. Fisher-Olsen, A. Harwick, E. Brennan, J. Carden, C. Waters, D. Maurer and S. Nees.

- Minutes. The commissioners reviewed the draft minutes from the March 10, 2020 meeting. Alan Harwick moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Chuck Waters seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Old Business
 - *Three Bridges National Register Application*: no progress.
 - *Woodschurch Cemetery*. The Township Committee agreed to have four trees that were endangering the gravestones taken down, based by a report of Dr. Neil Hendrickson, NJ Licensed tree expert #333. The Mt. Amwell Project removed some of the headstones that were threatened by the trees. Vice-Chair Harwick will have Dave Reading of the Mt. Amwell Project contact Dr. Hendrickson.
- Other Business
 - Chairperson Fisher-Olsen informed the Commissioners of an updated application form and the Commissioners brainstormed ways to make the application process paperless. Commissioner Brennan volunteered to revise the form further to make it a fillable form.
 - 17 James Street: The Commissioners discussed the Construction Code Official's report on her site visit, which the Township plans to use as affordable housing. The Construction Code Official informed the Township Administrator of the significant repairs needed and recommended that the structure be demolished and replaced with a new dwelling unit. Chairperson Fisher-Olsen informed the Commissioners that she emailed Township Committee members and the Township Administrator expressing her disappointment with the Township officials as they permitted a contributing structure owned by the Township to be demolished by neglect.

Erin Brennan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan Harwick seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Erin Brennan.